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## South Gateway report offers strategies

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The community workshop planning process for the South Gateway Development Area is complete. Consultant Bruce Race's report to the El Cerrito City Council June 3 is comprised of four "concept plan strategies" based on the planning principles and objectives formed through the public workshops.

Summary strategies included the "opportunities" presented by each:

- **Strategy No. 1:** San Pablo Avenue Community Commercial.

The opportunity perceived is to create a competitive community shopping center comprised of existing Plaza tenants. "The first strategy would provide

for a new community serving commercial center. Many existing tenants in the Plaza could be relocated into the community shopping center complex. Lucky, Long's, and a variety of other local serving shops can be reorganized into a properly planned and competitive center of about 10 acres in size. This center would face San Pablo Avenue and have surface parking areas. Smaller stores could face the entry drive and provide better pedestrian connections to the rest of the center," the report states.

- **Strategy No. 2:** Fairmount Avenue Mixed Use and BART Housing.

The opportunity perceived is to initiate the development of a mixed use residential community related to the BART station and Fairmount Avenue

shopping street.

"Strategy No. 2 envisions mixed use buildings (with residential uses above street level retail uses) along Fairmount Avenue and residential development on BART's property. The eastern portion of the Plaza site could also be developed with housing as the property is made available by relocation of commercial uses into the San Pablo Avenue community commercial center. The added pedestrian traffic from the residential areas would energize the district and encourage infill development along Fairmount Avenue. A parking structure would be developed next to the BART station."

- **Strategy No. 3:** Town Square Retail and Entertainment.

The opportunity perceived is to de-

velop an entertainment and shopping environment around a new town square.

"The third strategy involves developing a pedestrian oriented shopping and entertainment district around a new town square. This area could become a regional shopping and entertainment destination. The town square area could be developed after the existing Plaza tenants are relocated into the San Pablo Avenue community commercial center, the site is cleared and a new parking garage built across from the BART station. This area could use the new garage and would also share parking with the community commercial center. The garage and town square retail develop-

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## Affordable housing loan approved

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—The City Council took a step toward meeting Albany's affordable housing mandate Monday night when it approved a \$110,000 loan for redevelopment of the Villa Motel site.

The 4-1 vote, with Councilmember Robert Good opposed, came after a lengthy discussion covering everything from what the city's affordable housing mandate is to what moral obligation local government has to provide those with lesser incomes a reasonably priced place to live. In the end, a majority of council members agreed to the loan in federal grant funds to nonprofit developer Resources for Community Development, which plans to build a 16-unit affordable housing complex, tentatively named the Creekside Apartments, for families earning between \$17,000 and \$29,000 per year.

Although citizen response on the proposed development was slight at two public meetings held by RCD, the project was drawn through a veritable gauntlet of questioning by council members, particularly Good. Jack Gardner, executive director of RCD, was grilled on everything from the validity of the project's budget to what would happen if RCD were to someday pull out of the Creekside Apartments.

Good began by asking if a solid plan has been drawn up for the site, to which Gardner responded one has not. He then mistakenly asked if there was a \$500,000 shortfall in funding for the project as submitted on the council agenda. The agenda did contain a \$210,000 shortfall in funding, although Gardner said later that the money would be taken care of by a private loan which had been accidentally left out.

Good then went on to ask how the project would support itself, who would live there and what would happen if RCD someday pulls out, among other things. Gardner responded by saying the project would be self-supporting. Albany residents would be targeted as possible tenants and the affordable housing restrictions would stay with the property if it were sold.

"I don't like the idea of subsidizing housing with tax-payer money," Good said, adding that he would prefer to see a private, mixed-use development on the site. He also voiced concerns that a government-subsidized housing complex would cause "problems" for the city's had the Villa Motel.

The council then took up the question of whether the city was required to build affordable housing under state law. While Good said the city was under no obligation to do so, Councilmember Thelma Rubin said she thought there was a mandate requiring precisely that. Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky said he was under the impression that the city is obligated to build

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## 'Auto campus' to be studied

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—Confusion reigned briefly at City Hall Monday night, as the Albany Community Reinvestment Agency, normally known as the City Council, loaned itself \$22,500 to conduct a land-use and economic analysis for possible redevelopment of the San Pablo Avenue and Cleveland Avenue/Fastshore Highway areas.

A handful of somewhat perplexed local business owners attended the 15 minute meeting, which took place prior to the regular council session, to throw in their two cents and get a handle on what exactly the agency is up to. The agency, now having completed its second meeting, was created to implement long-term financial strategies to broaden Albany's tax base, possibly by creating an "automobile dealership campus" on Cleveland Avenue near the freeway.

Those present seemed for the most part wary of the move, citing fears that automotive and other businesses on San Pablo would be excluded to the new campus. Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky, speaking as

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Noah Berger

## Making a difference

Margaret Fay, newly installed president of the Berkeley Clinic Auxiliary, stacks cards at the group's El Cerrito Turnabout shop, where for 10 years the group has sold donated merchandise and in turn donated the store's income to local organizations, including Telecare, a group of volunteers who phone shut-ins daily to see that their needs are met, the Center for the Education of Infant Death, East Bay Alzheimer Center, Albany and El Cerrito Senior Centers and the Richmond Souper Kitchen. Recently installed board members include: Margaret Fay, president, Katharine Foley, first vice president, and Sally Eustis, second vice president. Turnabout Shop Co-Chairmen are Geri Lum and Traudel Piercy. The store is located at 10052 San Pablo Avenue.

## Gas fire destroys home in El Cerrito

By Dawn Fraieur

EL CERRITO — Homeowners looking forward to a completed addition to their Moeser Lane residence lost their home to a fire May 31. A Planchon Roofing company truck working on the addition overran, snapping a propane line and causing the blaze to erupt.

According to Battalion Chief Mark Scott, the incident commander, the homeowners were in the final stages of adding on and were getting a new tar and gravel roof. When one of the roofers started

to raise the bed of the hydraulic lift truck, he said, either the gravel shifted or "gravity took over," and the truck overturned on the slanted driveway.

In doing so, the truck snapped a propane line leading to a trailer that was heating up tar. The snap provided a source of ignition, and the propane ignited.

"It was a gas-fed fire from the beginning," Scott said.

What was initially a truck and trailer fire quickly became a structure fire, fed by "100 gallons of liquid propane."

According to Scott, the compressed liquified petroleum gas can expand to 27,500 gallons of gas vapor, by volume, on its release from the pressure of the tank. That gas, he said, was being spread by winds of 30 to 35 miles per hour.

"The line was pointed directly into the garage to begin with," he said. "When it snapped, the stiff winds blew the thermal column directly through the house. It was a very, very fast fire. The structure was fully involved before our engines would have even pulled out of the firehouse."

Tracking the timing and content of phone calls that came in as the fire progressed, the fire department has estimated "this went from a truck fire to involvement in the house to a fully involved structure fire in one minute, 38 seconds," he said.

Scott also said that, had the roofer or homeowner closed the garage door before the roofing operation started, the fire would probably have progressed slower, since the "direct path of communication from the

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## Council readies to approve EC budget

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito City Council had little comment to make on the staff-proposed city budget at its June 3 meeting. Unlike many other cities, in which council discussion of the budget can be lengthy and detailed, El Cerrito's council members are typically inclined to spend little time discussing a budget that is balanced and generally fits in with overall policies they have set.

In presenting the budget, City Manager Gary Pokorny and the various department heads do make an effort to show how the budget fits in with those policies — the council's desire to build up a General Fund Reserve of 10 percent by the year 2000, for example.

Councilmember Jane Bartke may have some general changes to propose by the time the budget comes back to the June 17 meeting for second reading. In the meantime, she will meet with community and administrative services director Jim Randall to discuss her concerns with allocating revenue monies that may be under threat. California cities are currently threatened by certain tax losses, due to a recent decision of the state supreme

court. "I'm concerned with the increase of budget when we're not quite sure of our income," she said. "Perhaps we should put some things aside until after November, (adding certain items) mid-year."

"When we're losing money potentially, I don't like to see increases," Bartke's November comment referred to a plan to place El Cerrito's threatened taxes (utility users and property transfer) on the November ballot.

Councilmember Mae Ritz praised the department heads for their thorough presentations and attempt to stick to a realistic budget within the context of the city's revenue constraints. At the same time, she said, "I do want to look at the city's future. We need to move forward."

Ritz also oriented her remarks to November. Current budget discussions are "an opportunity to talk to you about what you need and how we can provide (that) for you," she said to the audience.

Ritz hopes for "an affirmative yes" to continuation of the taxes from voters in November.

City Councilmember Norma

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## Putting a stop to accidents

Contra Costa County installed six-way stop signs on Colusa Circle last month after years of requests from local officials and residents. County Traffic Engineer Steve Kersevan said the signs weren't necessarily installed due to accidents at the intersection, but rather as a preventative measure. "The real reason is because of the number of pedestrians in that area and the vegetation in the middle of the circle. My fear is some one crossing the street and not visible to oncoming traffic until the last second," he said.





## Letters to the Editor

### Betrayed by the process

Editor:  
The City (of El Cerrito) has recently conducted a series of neighborhood meetings and planning workshops with the ostensible purpose of gathering input on city services and design ideas for the South Gateway Development Area as part of a Redevelopment plan for the Plaza and BART/Plaza area.

While these sessions usually open with a purposeful message — "we're all here to gather ideas" — I question the motivations for how this input is being used and seriously wonder whether citizens will end up feeling more betrayed than having been heard.

Why, one might ask? How can I question this process having myself been "part of the process"?

Simple. Look at the projects city officials have been driving the past few years — high density housing with "affordable income" components, multi-tiered parking structures, mixed-use residential/commercial projects and "big-box" mega-theater style redevelopment programs. And look at what you're going to get! The same projects keep popping up in the current sessions. It's becoming a bit like playground graffiti — the writing stays on the wall — no matter how you look at it.

You think it was any different in a recent community meeting when people explored the possibility that perhaps a theater could be more suitable for the Plaza area rather than Del Norte? They were shown plans for the 20+ screen "regional" mega-theater, not the 5-6 unit theater they had expressed interest in. Or, more recently when the "consensus" feedback plan was presented to the last group. The composite drawing developed by the City selected design team showed virtually half the Plaza and BART/Plaza area covered in high density multi-unit housing (250 - 350 units plus the ubiquitous multi-level parking structure). People were aghast! "Overblown," "Way out of proportion," and "This doesn't look anything like what my group talked about," were the comments I heard most frequently.

These plans keep resurfacing because the meetings are structured in such a way that allows city officials and facilitators to pick and choose the elements they want to advance, orchestrate the interpretations, and present it at the next session under the guise that, "This is what you told us!"

More often than not the audience response has been much more like, "How can they interpret THIS from the last meeting?" The scope of the high density housing and parking structure plan in particular has been rejected three or four times. Yet, it keeps re-appearing.

One has to ask why this pattern keeps happening? I think it's simple. The agenda has already been established. Now it's a matter of trying to repackage it under the guise of citizen input. There is nothing binding in these meetings and there are no guarantees that what was heard was what was said. It's a perfect environment where any word can be stated in any fashion and someone in the City can use it or not to suit their own purpose. I've even heard the facilitators advocate (sometimes aggressively) their own point-of-view over that of comments coming from the group. One particular group that felt strongly about "no housing" was literally berated by the facilitator saying, "We HAVE to have housing!" And, so on.

Weeks ago, it was again obvious what we, the citizens, would get. These same projects, planned well in advance, come up time and time again. The official city line will be something like, "We conducted a series of citizen input and planning meetings and people want more city services, people want more "mixed-use" housing developments, and people want redevelopment. Now we have a plan and the people participated." The words "village shopping," "creek restoration" and "pedestrian oriented" will be woven in to make it kosher — but the dominant elements will be high-density "affordable" housing and large parking structures.

Will this process serve the community? Ask yourself if you hear people in the neighborhood going around saying they want high density housing and parking structures for the BART/Plaza area? Ask yourself if you think low income housing elements are going to attract the type of commercial entities that will make the Plaza area grow and thrive? Ask yourself if there is a binding plan that provides the right conditions and incentives for developers so we get what we want, not what's forced upon us. Ask yourself if there is even a business plan? Quite honestly, in the current state, I think many people will feel betrayed by this process.

Grant V. Ricketts  
El Cerrito

### Unnecessary destruction

Editor:  
I have been a volunteer at the Cordonces Creek restoration project since June 1995. The creek lies on the Berkeley-Albany border next to University Village. Through volunteer effort and hand labor the site has been transformed from a parking lot with an underground culvert into a haven for butterflies, songbirds, shorebirds, raccoons and neighborhood kids. This past week, however, I have seen much of my work and the work of nearly

275 other volunteers nearly destroyed by high-handed unilateral decision-making on the part of Urban Creeks Council officials.

Unknown to those of us working at the creek, an official at the Urban Creeks Council contracted with AmeriCorps, the federally-funded jobs program, to make "improvements" at the site. As a result, a rented back hoe piloted by a poorly-supervised operator has done extensive damage to the beautiful hand-built landscape. The back hoe operator at one point entered private property on the south bank and proceeded to tear away at the bank and vegetation. The back hoe operator went so far as to unearth the old buried culvert wall and demolish it.

By removing the wall and the hard clay substrate on the south bank, the integrity of the bank and its ability to resist erosion has been compromised, raising the issue of liability for property damages by an adjacent developer. The massive amounts of dirt loosened on the south bank were then dumped unceremoniously into the creek bed, only to be washed into the bay with the heavy rains of May 15 (apparently there was enough money to rent a back hoe but not enough for a dump truck).

There were upwards of a dozen 4-foot-high willow saplings planted this past winter that were also destroyed. Native plants were trampled and steep, dangerous cliffs carved into formerly gently sloping banks.

The most heartbreaking aspect is that the destruction of our creek was done with no regard to the environment, hydrology, or erosion control. The vandalism unleashed by the council does not even resemble the landscape plans that it commissioned at the project's outset nor does it consider the existing park-like valley built by the volunteers. The contempt by which the Urban Creeks Council holds volunteer efforts is particularly insulting since none of us who show up every Saturday were ever asked what vision we had for the place.

While officials jet about lobbying for creeks' "preservation" around the country, they remain oblivious to the contribution of those working in the trenches of creek restoration. The Urban Creeks Council has to be made to understand that creeks do not belong to its paid officials.

They belong to those who love them: the volunteers, neighborhood kids and others that made the place bloom.

Jim Cunradi  
Albany

### Time for solutions

Editor:  
I am writing in response to the arrest of David McMahon at a recent Albany school board meeting. While not present at the meeting, I have witnessed McMahon's presentations at many other board meetings. I have never met him personally, but based on his previous board meeting conduct, I think he is a polite, persistent, intelligent, and reasonable person.

Yes, he has brought bags of trash to previous board meetings (thoughtfully left by the door). He personally collected the refuse from his neighborhood across the street from the high school. He has made numerous pleas to both the school board and the city council in an effort to clean up the area around the high school. But he has seen no action by either body to clean up the mess. I believe the action for which he was arrested was an act of desperation.

Please note an important fact: He brought a tarp on which to dump the trash. This seems very consistent with his character - to make a point but not make a mess while doing so.

Why was he arrested without giving him the opportunity to leave without causing further incident? This strikes me as very heavy-handed. Can the police or district explain this?

I have several suggestions to the school board and city council:

- 1) Place trash cans in the area and empty them regularly.
- 2) Make a plea to the students to use them.
- 3) Enlist the aid of a high school service organization to clean up after those who still litter.

I think we need more citizens like David McMahon who truly care about our schools and city and who take the time to attend board and council meetings.

George V. Baranowski  
Albany

### City spirit

Editor:  
I would like you to print this letter so that I may thank all those wonderful friends, relatives, and neighbors who came to our aid at our time of need. You see, it was my mother's and father's house who burnt to the ground on Moeser Lane; the house my sister and brother and I grew up in.

All I can say is the people of El Cerrito that I grew up with were there for us within minutes, and their show of support and caring is the reason why my husband and I are raising our children in this fine city. Thank you to all of you who came to my mother and father's aid. And to the people of El Cerrito, keep up the spirit that makes this city the best.

Michele Urnberg-Jawad  
El Cerrito



## Police Reports

### Albany woman reports purse snatching

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the morning of June 1 an Albany woman reported that at about 1 a.m. she had been walking with a friend on the 500 block of Kains Avenue toward an apartment complex where she lives when she was passed by two joggers. As she entered the garage area of the complex one of the joggers ran up behind her and grabbed her purse. The joggers then fled, going east on San Gabriel Avenue.

At about 5 a.m. on May 27 Albany officers observed a 1985 VW parked on the dead end of Taft Street with four people asleep inside. Upon investigation officers found four Albany boys, of ages 16 and 17. The driver of the vehicle was intoxicated to the point that he could not care for himself and was transported to the Albany station, where his parents picked him up. Parents of two of the remaining boys responded to where the vehicle was and picked up their sons. The fourth boy was transported to his home by officers.

On the evening of May 27 thieves entered a house on the 600 block of San Gabriel Avenue, ransacked two bedrooms, stole various items and fled. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of May 28 Albany officers responded to reports of a suspicious person in front of a business on the corner of Solano and Kains avenues. When officers drove by the location the person made nu-

merous hand gestures using the middle finger. Upon contact officers found the man was from Berkeley and had warrants from Oakland and Alameda County totaling \$3,000. He was arrested and later cited and released.

On the afternoon of May 28 an El Cerrito woman reported that earlier in the month she had taken her car to a local car wash and someone had stolen her credit card from her ash-tray. She was reporting this now because she had discovered \$500 in charges against her card.

On the morning of May 29 vandals attempted to steal a 1986 Toyota Camry parked on the 800 block of Hillside Avenue by prying the left front door lock. They then attempted to pry the ignition out but fled without taking the car. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of May 29 vandals shattered the rear window of a 1989 VW Fox parked on the 900 block of Pierce Street. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of May 29 thieves shattered the rear wing window of a blue Honda Accord parked on the 800 block of Washington Avenue and gained entry into the car. They stole cash and fled the area unseen.

Between 7 p.m. on May 29 and 8 a.m. on May 30 thieves stole a custom car cover from a 1988 Acura parked on the 1000 block of Nielson Street. There were no witnesses.

### Little Caesar's robbed twice in El Cerrito

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Little Caesar's was robbed twice within three days. At 9:05 p.m. May 23, a man entered the store, pointed a pistol at an employee and demanded cash. The suspect is described as a black male, 5-feet 11-inches tall, 180 pounds. He was wearing all black clothing: knit cap, cloth over his face, shirt, pants and gloves.

At 9:23 p.m. May 25, a man demanded cash with a handgun. He is described as a black male in his 30s, 6 feet, 220 pounds. He was wearing a brown Pendleton-type shirt, a burgundy hat and burgundy pants.

A juvenile suspect, a black male between 11 and 14 years of age and wearing a blue T-shirt and dark blue jeans, brandished a knife at an El Cerrito woman on the BART path north of Moeser, demanding her purse. The woman refused, the suspect fled. The incident occurred at 5:50 p.m. May 25.

A Blockbuster Video employee was robbed of the store's deposit bag when the thief pressed an object against the employee's back and demanded the bag. The suspect is described as a black man, wearing a black sweatshirt and pants, 5-feet 8-inches tall, 140 pounds. The incident occurred at about 9:10 a.m. May 25.

An El Cerrito male juvenile was identified as having beaten two El Cerrito youths with his fists after he attempted to sell them marijuana. No arrest was reported. The incident occurred at Potrero Avenue and Liberty Street at 5 p.m. May 18.

A juvenile is reported to have approached a juvenile victim in a residential driveway in the 7100 block of Central Avenue at about 12:15 p.m. May 11, pushing him off his bike and fleeing with two associates.

An Albany man is accused of brandishing a knife at a store employee in a parking lot in the 10700 block of San Pablo Avenue after he was told to leave the premises at about 9:50 p.m. May 25.

An El Cerrito youth was arrested for manufacturing a deadly weapon — wood with a nail through it. The arrest was made in the 500 block of Lexing-

ton Avenue on the afternoon of May 31.

Four arrests were made for driving under the influence. An El Cerrito man, under 21 years of age, was arrested at Donal and Richmond at 2:17 a.m. May 18, following a solo traffic collision.

Other arrests were: a Berkeley man at Lincoln and San Pablo Avenues at 2:18 a.m. May 25, a Richmond woman at Madison Avenue and San Pablo at 2:30 a.m. May 26, and an El Cerrito woman at El Dorado and Carlson at 1:28 a.m. May 26.

Two Richmond juveniles, a boy and a girl, were arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle at Schmidt Lane and Kearney at 1:20 p.m. May 26.

Residential burglary was reported in the 7700 block of Terrace Drive during the daytime May 28. The burglar kicked in the garage door and entered the home. The house was ransacked; a computer, jewelry and miscellaneous items were taken.

A home in the 600 block of Elm Street was entered through an unlocked door. A VCR and video tape were reported stolen; the incident occurred either May 20 or 21.

A driver's license was reported stolen from a mailbox in the 5200 block of Potrero Avenue between April 1 and May 20.

A bike was taken from a second floor balcony in the 700 block of Kearney Street at about 6:30 a.m. May 27. It was found at 7:30 a.m. at El Cerrito Plaza, before the owner had reported it missing.

A potted plant was taken from a porch in the 900 block of Arlington Boulevard between May 26 and 27.

A wallet was reported stolen from the victim's pocket between 3:20 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. May 29 at San Pablo and Stockton Avenues.

A wallet was left in a phone booth and taken by someone else at a gas station in the 11600 block of San Pablo Avenue on the afternoon of May 28.

A purse was taken from a shopping cart at Lucky at 12:30 p.m. May 27; a fanny pack was also reported stolen from a cart at Target.

Four bedspreads and two rugs were reported stolen from Del Norte

Between 7 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. on May 30 a car was reported stolen from the rear wing window of a Toyota Camry and prior but fled without taking the car. There were no witnesses.

Between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. on May 30 thieves broke into the 900 block of Hillside Avenue, stole items of value and fled the area unseen. Police officers are investigating.

On the morning of May 30 Albany officers responded to a report of a traffic violation on the 900 block of Hillside Avenue. When notified, the officers found a member of the driving club on the 900 block of Hillside Avenue. The member was walking home at the time when walking home. The owner of the car was not present.

Shortly before midnight on May 31 a San Pablo woman reported a traffic violation on the 900 block of Hillside Avenue. When notified, the officers found a member of the driving club on the 900 block of Hillside Avenue. The member was walking home at the time when walking home. The owner of the car was not present.

During the week of May 28 Albany officers responded to a report of a traffic violation on the 900 block of Hillside Avenue. When notified, the officers found a member of the driving club on the 900 block of Hillside Avenue. The member was walking home at the time when walking home. The owner of the car was not present.

Cleaners between May 28 and May 29.

A pullover stereo was stolen from a vehicle parked on Wilbur Avenue during the daytime May 23. A cash and miscellaneous items were reported stolen from a car in the 1000 block of Hillside Avenue.

Someone took a car from a driveway on an unlocked vehicle. Kragen on the evening of May 28. Work equipment was taken from a truck of a vehicle parked in the 1000 block of Hillside Avenue.

Tools and miscellaneous items were taken from a car in the 700 block of Hillside Avenue at 11 p.m. May 28.

During the night of May 28 a one took a fire extinguisher from a vehicle parked in the 500 block of Cypress Avenue.

The person who took the glove box and console was parked in the 8500 block of Hillside Avenue. Drive during the night of May 28. The person didn't steal anything.

Someone siphoned gas from a vehicle in the 800 block of Hillside Avenue during the night of May 28.

At Sierra School, playground was vandalized with pens between May 26 and 27.

A home was vandalized in the 1000 block of Hillside Avenue during the night of May 28.

Someone drove a car onto a residential lawn in the 1000 block of Hillside Avenue at 5:30 a.m. and 6 a.m. May 28.

A vehicle window was broken in the 1300 block of Hillside Avenue at 5:20 p.m. May 28.

Night, windows were broken in the 3000 and 3100 block of Hillside Avenue during the night of May 28.

A door was scratched in the 1000 block of Lexington during the night of May 28.

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## New city fees OK'd

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—The City Council Monday night approved the new Water Fee schedule, which includes various fee increases expected to raise \$135,000 a year in revenue.

The new fee schedule was approved after public hearings at the last two council meetings which produced two minor changes.

After complaints from some residents, the council canned proposed fee hikes for inspection of newly installed water heaters and permission to put tables and chairs on public sidewalks.

Of the increased fees, by far the greatest revenue raiser will be a \$4.31 increase in storm drain fees, which is expected to raise \$100,000 per year for storm drain repair, creek restoration and other measures designed to reduce stormwater runoff pollution in the

The proposed sidewalk-use fee increase of \$36.20 was given the go-ahead after opposition was voiced by Albany resident Dario Meniketti. The water heater fee also remained the same after some council members objected to the proposed \$25 increase, saying it might prevent residents from having the inspection done at all.

## Recycle phone books

ALBANY—Beginning today, June 6, new 1996-97 telephone books will be delivered to your door. Recycle that old telephone book! Simply place old telephone books in your regular recycling collection program with newspa-

The phone books are recycled and used in utility billing return envelopes. If you are an Albany resident or business and do not have a recycling program, call Waste Management of Alameda County to receive recycling services, 613-0224.

For more information, call the Office of Albany Community Development and Environmental Resources Department, 528-5760.



Ventriloquist Steven Chaney and Cornelius will be featured June 15.

## Summer fun at the library

Get ready for summer programs at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave.

- Win With Reading!, a summer reading program, June 14 - Aug. 31. Read 10 books and win prizes. Sign up at the library beginning June 14.

- Meet Steven Chaney and Cornelius, the crow, at a ventriloquism show on Saturday, June 15, at 2 p.m. Children and up are welcome. The performance is about 40 minutes. Sponsored by The Friends of the El Cerrito Library.

- Stories to Solve for children in grades 1-6, will be Thursdays at 2:30 p.m., July 11, 18 and 25. Come

listen to stories; try to solve the problems yourself first. If you can't solve it, we'll find the answer together.

- Picture Book Time will be held for preschoolers 3-5 years old, on Thursdays at 11 a.m., July 25 - Aug. 15. Parents are asked to stay in the library when children are listening to stories in a separate room. The program will last 25-30 minutes.

Library hours are Monday, noon-8 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-6 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1-5 p.m.

For more information, call Agnes Chen, Youth Services Librarian, El Cerrito Library, 526-7512.

## Sign ups open at Adult School

Day and evening classes are scheduled to begin at Albany Adult School the week of June 17. Over 100 courses will be offered during the six-week session.

Those wishing to register early may do so at the day office, 655 Key Route Blvd., from 8 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mail

registration is suggested if received by June 14. Many courses have maximum enrollment limits. For more information, telephone 559-6580.

Adults with specialized interests may enroll in: Big Band (jazz), Windows, Preparing Wills and Trusts, Watercolors, Keyboarding, Understanding Relationships and Darkroom Photography.

A partial listing of new courses includes: CAD, Drafting, PowerPoint for Windows, Bicycle Maintenance and Touring and Birds of the Sierra.

Class schedules and course summaries are available at all local libraries from Berkeley to Pinole and all Albany schools.

## Redevelopment budget detailed

This is the second piece in a two-part article on the proposed El Cerrito budget.

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The proposed Redevelopment Agency operating budget for 1996/97 is \$1,101,150, about \$80,000 less than was approved last year. There was no public or city council comment on the budget at a June 3 public hearing. The agency budget, as well as the city's operating budget, will again be considered by the council at its June 17 meeting.

Total capital project costs for the Redevelopment Agency are projected at \$3,434,651.

The lion's share of the proposed operating budget for the agency will be spent on debt service (\$860,395). Most of the remainder will provide wages and benefits for three employees, 20 percent of the package for the community development manager, 60 percent for the management assistant, and 100 percent funding for the redevelopment program manager.

Wages for the first two positions are shared with the community development department and funded out of the city's general operating budget.

The position of redevelopment manager has been empty for a number of months. Community development manager Gerry Raycraft said Monday he hopes it will be

filled within the next several months.

Capital expenditures consist of note and loan payments related to property acquisition for new developments and capital improvements related to new developments.

The section includes existing debt obligations related to land already acquired and projected costs for potential new developments.

For example, the \$1,342,000 listed for the Mayfair site depends on whether a proposed theatre/mixed use project is approved and accomplished. The costs for site acquisition would be offset by developer funds.

The Redevelopment Division is the economic development arm of the city. Its key services, as described in the budget proposal, are to assist existing businesses "to remain healthy and grow," to promote opportunities for new commercial and housing development, to promote the development of affordable housing, to assemble property within designated target development areas ("assisting with the relocation of existing businesses and tenants when necessary"), and to assist new businesses to locate in El Cerrito.

The agency has also proposed to implement six planned projects for 1996-98 (the budget covers a two-year strategy). They are:

- Following up on the recently-concluded workshops on the South

Gateway Development Area, including El Cerrito Plaza, the Plaza BART station, and their environs, "by seeking development proposals that can implement the city council's and the community's vision for this key area of the city."

Staff is currently designing a Request for Proposals for the area.

- Continuing work with BART and private developer Charles Oewel to explore the development potential for a mixed-use, theater and residential project at the Del Norte BART station and Mayfair site.

• Implementing a disposition and development agreement for the Del Norte Market Place; the 14-acre retail center is expected to include a Pep Boys, Walgreen's Drugs and Staples Office Supplies.

- Continuing to provide financial assistance to existing businesses through the agency's Storefront Improvement Program, with the goal of increasing those businesses' ability to attract customers and improving the city's overall appearance.

- Working with Rubicon, a non-profit housing developer, to evaluate the feasibility of renovating the Idaho Motel to create permanent housing for very low income households.

- Continuing the process of "citizen-guided redevelopment" by supporting public input of the Redevelopment Advisory Committee.

## City Council looking to November ballot for Albany Hill acquisition funds

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Preliminary plans for a ballot measure to fund the acquisition of open space on Albany Hill are on the drawing board, with a special City Council meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 22 to examine the issue.

Items under consideration at the meeting will include how such a ballot measure might be structured, which parcels of land would be acquired first and whether the measure could be expanded to include other open space acquisition in Albany. Although it is impossible to estimate the exact cost of buying 18 acres of privately-owned, undeveloped land on the hill, city officials have in the past estimated the price tag to be around \$6 million.

Purchase of the hill, considered the city's defining topographical feature, jibes with the city's goal adopted in April to preserve and enhance open space, as well as the Albany Hill Creekside Master Plan. According to a staff report submit-

ted to Monday's City Council meeting, the two most viable options would be an increase in the landscaping and lighting assessment or an increase in the flat-rate parcel tax.

While the landscaping and lighting increase would involve only an advisory vote from Albany residents, the parcel tax would require a 2/3 vote to pass. A preliminary report on funding options indicates that an \$81.68 a year increase would be sufficient to cover a \$6 million bond, although City Administrator Daren Fields was careful to point out that the report was only advisory and nothing has been decided yet.

If the council decides to go forward with such a measure, the public input process will involve polling Albany residents to see if such a

thing is desired, Fields said. Although Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky has suggested a bond could include funding for other projects, such as a tot lot or a soccer field, no specifics have as yet been worked out.

Current zoning ordinances for the area, including Measure K, as well as the steepness of much of the terrain make development of land on the hill difficult. Also, archeological and wildlife studies would be required before any development is allowed.

The council also set aside \$25,000 for hill acquisition at its Monday meeting under the landscaping and lighting assessment, which will be used as a nest egg for future opportunities. The June 22 meeting will be held at City Hall from 10 a.m. to noon.

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**Auditions for Rashoman**, to be produced by Masquers Playhouse. Five men and two women, all 20 years and older. Prepare short monologue and read from script Sunday, June 9, 1:30 p.m., and Monday, June 10, 7:30 p.m., at 105 Park Place, Point Richmond.

**Albany Pool** walk-in registration for summer swimming lessons has begun. 904 Talbot. Call 559-6648 for information on pool programs.

**Alta Bates Medical Center**, Berkeley, June 11 and 13: "Healthy Living with Diabetes" at 2500 Ashby Avenue, Berkeley, from 6-8 p.m. Fee: \$50 but is paid by most HMOs. Partners are encouraged to attend free of charge. Call 1-800-606-ALTA.

**Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club** is open daily 9:30-3:30 except Monday and Thursday. Free instruction is available each Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. - noon. 841-2174.

**"How to Move a Progressive Agenda, an Open Forum,"** with Barbara Lee, will be on Sun., June 9, 2-4 p.m. North Berkeley Senior Center, Hearst at MLK Way, Berkeley. Sponsored by Berkeley Citizens Action. 549-0816.

**Berkeley Community Chorus Orchestra** will give a full-day workshop and informal concert of J.S. Bach's Cantata No. 21, "Eich Hatte Viel Bekummernis," on Sat., June 15, from 9 a.m. - 4:30 at Arlington Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Preregister at 8:45, \$15 tuition plus score if needed. 525-5393.

**Berkeley Hiking Club** meets at Shattuck Avenue and Berkeley Way before leaving at the following times for hike spots: June 9: 9:30 a.m. Reconvene at Quarry Picnic Area on Wildcat Canyon Road for mini hike. 848-7604.

**Berkeley History Walking Tours** June 8: South Berkeley Cultural Landscape. Meet at San Pablo club house, Park and Oregon streets. 10 a.m.-noon, rain or shine.

**Berkeley Macintosh Users Group** (the world's largest) offers free Mac classes to the public Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m. 549-2684.

**Berkeley Public Library** is providing free training for adult volunteers who want to tutor adults with reading difficulties in Berkeley's Literacy Program. Orientation: Thursday, June 6, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., or Friday, June 7, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.; other training dates: Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Monday, June

10, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call 644-8595 to register today.

**Berkeley Community Media**, at 2239 MLK Way, June 8: Grand Opening party, hosted by Country Joe, and featuring food, blues and more. 6-10 p.m. Sunday, June 9: Free Family Open House. 2-5 p.m. at G Building, Berkeley High School, MLK Way. Studio tours, BHS Jazz Quartet, other stuff. 848-2288.

**North Berkeley Senior Center**, June 6: Travel Video: India, 1:15 p.m.; June 7: Diabetes Support Group, 1 p.m.; Malcolm X School Jazz Band, 12:45 p.m.; Opera Video: *The King and I*, 1 p.m., 1901 Hearts/MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107. June 10: Dr. McGillist talks about latest surgical techniques and reasons for shorter hospital stays, 10:30 a.m. Cello concert at 1:15. June 11: Money Talk, 1 p.m. June 12: Tales and Fables by James Keller, 1 p.m. June 13: Buddhism & Life of Buddha through Art in Asia, 1 p.m. Housing Problems with Community Law Center, 3 p.m. June 14: Ennagram, personality study, a 10-week session at 1 p.m. Video Opera: *IL Tabarro* at 1 p.m.

**Black Oak Books**, 1491 Shattuck Berkeley, Tonight: Gish Jen, witty and audacious writer of the novel *Mona in the Promised Land*; June 7: A.S. Byatt, author of bestselling Victorian novel *Possession*; June 8: Calvin Trillin, June 10, Paul Krassner, *The Winner of the Slow Bicycle Race*; June 11: J. Baldwin, *Buckyworks: Buckminster Fuller's Ideas for Today*; June 12: Tom Athanasiou, *Divided Planet: The Ecology of Rich and Poor*; June 13: Gail Tsukiyama, *The Samurai's Garden*. All at 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Book Sale** June 15 and 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Albany Library and Community Center, 1251 Marin.

**The Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic**, serving low-income women with cancer, needs volunteers: Acupuncturists, massage therapists, clinic assistants and drivers. Women of color, women with little money and cancer survivors are especially welcome. Next training is June 8-9 in Oakland. 601-7660.

**CityRock Rock climbing**, 1250 45th St., Emeryville. Starting June 14, on second Friday of every month, women receive day passes, beginning climbing lessons, and rentals for half-price, and climb for half-price from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Starting June 21, on the third Friday of every month, same deal for men.

**Contra Costa Hills Club** Friday, June 7: meet CCHC leader at Lake Merritt

BART station at 10 a.m. and walk to Festival of the Lake. All welcome; seniors free. Call 232-7475. Sunday, June 9: six-mile hike of San Bruno Mountain from Brisbane. Bring drink, food. All welcome; free. Call 415-467-6167.

**"Coping with Labor Pains,"** will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, at First Floor Auditorium, Alta Bates Medical Center, 2450 Ashby. Free. 204-1334.

**Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore** at 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley June 10, 7:30 p.m. Find out how to make most of trip to the wine country. Free. 843-3533; Thursday, June 13, 7:30: Italian scholar and author Laura Stortoni gives free lecture on "Sara Copio Sullam" (1590-1641): The Beautiful Poet of the Venice Ghetto. Plus dramatic reading of Sullam's Manifesto by Laura Sheppard. 843-3533.

**Cody's Books**, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, June 6: Dr. Oscar London; June 9: Chris Matthews; June 10: David Arlington; June 11: Alice Waters; June 12: George McGovern; June 13: Floyd Salas. All at 7:30 p.m.

**The El Cerrito Community Center** at 7007 Moers Ln., El Cerrito. June 1-7: 6: Bridge classes, \$30 pre-registration required. 10 a.m. to noon. 233-5401. May 17 to June 14 and June 21-July 19: Salsa Dance Classes at the Skylight room of the EC Community center. O'clock: Beginners, 8-9 Intermediate. \$20 per month, \$7 drop-in. May 17 to June 14, and June 21 to July 19: Beginning Ballroom Dancing at the Skylight room. No partner needed. O'clock: 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Evelyn C. White**, author and journalist, will speak on Thursday, June 13, at the South Branch Library, 1901 Russell (at MLK Jr. Way) at 7:30 p.m., as a part of the Library's celebration of Lesbian and Gay History Month. Call 644-6860 for mo'info.

**Gaia Bookstore and Community Center**, Thursday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m.: Marcia Wieder, June 7, at 7:30 p.m.: Grace Taormina. June 8, 1:30-4 p.m.: Ifoema Ikenze, M.D. June 10, at 7:30 p.m.: Patricia Garfield, Alan Siegel, Veronica Tonay, and Kelly Bulkeley. June 11, at 7:30 p.m.: Anna Wise. June 12, at 7:30 p.m.: Susan McElroy. June 13-16: International Goddess Festival with Z Budapest. Festival price: \$300. For more information contact Women's Spirituality Forum at 444-7724. June 13, at 7:30 p.m.: Paul Kivel.

**Getting What You Want: Advocacy in Sacramento** - A workshop on

developing, advocating, and opposing legislation, and on how to affect state budget. Presented by California Public Health Association - north. Friday, June 7, and Saturday, June 8, 8:30 a.m. - noon. \$15, students \$5. 531-4972.

**Lawrence Hall of Science**, located in the Berkeley hills above the U.C.B. Campus, on Centennial Drive, below Grizzly Peak. Saturday, June 8: National Sense of Smell Day Activities. 12 noon-4 p.m. Much fun for whole family. LHS is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors; \$2 for children 3-6 years.

**Indigenous Peoples' Responses to Economic Globalization**, a panel discussion by indigenous leaders from Central, South America, Mexico. Friday, June 7 at Alumni House, UCB campus (northside of Zellerbach). Reception 6-7 p.m.; discussion 7-8 p.m.

**International Folkdance Classes** are beginning May 31. Classes meet Fridays from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains, \$3, 547-6355 or 769-9759.

**Judah L. Magnes Museum**. On exhibition through July 14: "This Year in Jerusalem: The Passionate Pilgrimage" Rare objects illuminating 300 years of Jerusalem's importance to West. "David Levintal: Mein Kampf." Photographic statement of the horror of the Holocaust. "The Italian Jewish Heritage." "Spanier Arbeit." A display of ornate Eastern European Jewish handwork.

**Kensington 55-plus Activity Center**, open Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Phone: 526-9146. June 6: Picnic lunch at Blake Gardens, 11-1 p.m. Fee: \$1.50. Free Blood Pressure Check, 9:30-11 a.m. June 13: "In Search of the Impressionists, Part 2." A Jackie Hetman presentation on barging through France.

**KPFA**, Thursday, June 6: 9 a.m. "Democracy Now."

**Nyngma Institute** 1815, Highland Place, Berkeley. 843-6812. June 9, 6-7 p.m.: Tibetan Buddhist Literature/Philosophy. "You Need A Good Monkey: A Tale of Heroic Patience." Abbe Blum.

**Pacific Film Archive** presents "Illuminating Ingmar Bergman." June 6: *A Lesson in Love* (1954) at 7. *Smiles of a Summer Night* (1955) at 8:40. June 13: *The Devil's Eye* (1960) at 7. *All These Women* (1964) at 8:45. 2625 Durant Ave. 642-1412.

**Poetry at Cody's bookstore**, 2454 Telegraph Avenue. June 19: William

Talcott, Owen Hill & Summer Brenner. **Berkeley Public Library's South Branch** (1901 Russell) will host "Rap and Hip-Hop: Their Impact on African American Culture," a free community forum on Friday evening, June 7, 7 p.m., featuring speakers from the rap music industry.

**REI**: Preregister for REI Indoor Climbing School, classes begin June 3. \$40 members, \$70 non members; June 15: instruction on selecting sleeping bags and pads, at 2 p.m.

**Spiral Gardens**, an all-volunteer gardening collective, will be holding the following free educational forums at 59th St. community garden (888 59th St. in North Oakland between Market and Adeline) between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.: June 8: Volunteer Orientation for those interested in edible landscaping and regreening. June 15: CSA's and Market Gardening.

**Turning Point Career Center** (YWCA): Personal and professional coaching as a career is the topic June 11, noon to 1 p.m. \$3. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370.

**Vista Community College**, 2020 Milvia St. between University and Addison, Berkeley. Registration is now open for Vista's 1996 summer session, which runs from June 17-July 26. \$13 per unit. Register at these hours through June 20: Mon. and Tue., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Wed. through Fri., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call 841-8860, ext. 231 or ext. 267 for more information.

**"Women, Food and Beauty,"** a slideshow and workshop on eating disorders and the media's influence on women's self-esteem, will be presented by Judy Lightstone, MA, MS, Marriage, Family and Child Counselor, on Sunday, June 9, from 4-6 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany. Fee: \$10 paid in advance. To reserve a spot call 869-2786.

**YWCA** offers classes in Flamenco, salsa, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance yoga, karate and aerobics, starting in June, drop in fee, \$6.50-\$8.50. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 848-6370.

**YMCA**: 46th annual South Berkeley Ham & Egg Breakfast. Sunday, June 9, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. All proceeds will benefit youth programs. Fee: \$10 adults. \$5 children.

### Performances

**Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 525-5054. Tonight: June 6: The Howlers; June 7: Calabash and

Jungular Grooves; June 8: June 9: Ramana Viera at 8 p.m. 11: Cajun dance lessons at 8 p.m. Motordude Zydeco at 8 p.m. 11: Dance lessons at 8 p.m. 11: Swing All-Stars at 9 p.m. 11: Western Swing dance lessons and Lost Weekend at 9 p.m.

**Berkeley Art Center** presents annual performance series. June 8: Amandla Poets, Will Power. 8: Fantasy, Martiniano. 8: p.m., \$10, \$8 1275 Walnut St. For more information call (415) 978-2700.

**Berkeley Early Music** Friday, June 7: Los Angeles Orchestra performs at 8 p.m. Episcopal Church, 2300 Bay St. Tickets: \$28-1725. Info: 458-0425. Saturday, June 8: Amis performs at 12 noon at Dana and Durant Streets. seniors/students/ Tickets: Info: 233-6929.

**Gamba Consort** performs at FCC Chapel. \$10 (\$8 seniors). Tickets: 528-1725. Info: 1131. June 9: Sirena performs at St. Alban's Episcopal Church. 1501 Washington Ave. Info: 1725. Info: 530-5102.

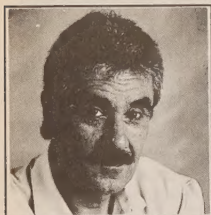
**Berkeley Public Library Playreaders** present: *The Hound* June 6, 7 p.m., and *Nightmare*, at 3 p.m. June 6 will be performed at 1170 Alameda Branch.

**Berkeley Repertory Theater** Addison St., Berkeley. *Hurricane! Mauvrit* June 6: woman show written and produced by Anne Gajour, plays and puppets. Fridays at 8 p.m. Saturdays 1 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 5 to Sunday, June 10. Tues., Wed., Thurs. pre-evenings, \$34. Sun. pre-evening matinees, \$28. For tickets call 4700.

**Dance Projects** will be at the Berkeley High School Arts Department on Thursday, June 6, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. in the Schwinley Little Theater. All at MLK Jr. Way in Berkeley. Third of the dances will give live music by BHS students performing will be Berkeley School's Baile Folklorico. Info: student Nydia Algalzali. \$3 at the door.

# FITNESS & HEALTH

# Summer '96



## This doctor is out to lunch

by Paul Yazolino

Treadmills burn more calories than five other types of exercise machines. So says the May issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, citing a Wisconsin study. It's nice to have scientific confirmation of what I've been saying for 15 years.

In reporting this story, the Associated Press quoted a doctor in Chicago as saying the study proves that all you really need is a good walk outdoors every day. Wrong conclusion! Let me fill in some gaps here.

Walking outside isn't as beneficial as using a treadmill. Why? First, most people don't maintain a constant work load walking outdoors. By setting a treadmill's speed and incline, you are guaranteed a consistent energy output. Second, part of the time outdoors is usually spent walking downhill with very low calorie burn. Third, motivation for outdoor walking drops off when the weather turns wet and cold.

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Because we've had such a great response to these articles on treadmills, we're continuing our special on the "Best Buy" Precor 9.25 treadmill throughout this month. As I pointed out last time, good health is an uphill climb. The best way to get it is on a Precor treadmill.

Paul Yazolino, president of Fitness Equipment USA, is the 1995 World and U.S. National Masters champion sprint cyclist and holder of the world and national records in his class. His athletic career



The May hunter-jumper show at the Vallejo County Fairgrounds was well attended. Here, two Bottomley Farm competitors await the judging results from the hunter medal competition: (Left) Lisa Dosch on her thoroughbred Midnite Kiss, and (right) Jennifer Lampton astride Charlie Brown. Foreground: groom Arnt Bjorkman and trainer Alexandra Potter.

spans over 30 years and includes the Mr. USA bodybuilding title and a silver medal in power lifting. His championship-level athletic background and his early training in mechanical engineering make him one of the fitness equipment industry's top experts. Paul is a consultant to the orthopedic, sports medicine, and rehab communities, a member of the Advisory Board of the International Strength Building Council, and frequently appears on radio and television talk shows.

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able for \$75 (9 classes).

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## Cities take aim at gun violence

United States is the most gun-crazy country in the world for one simple reason: the proliferation of guns. We have the greatest number of guns per person in the world (220 guns, almost one per person), the highest murder rate and the highest rate of gun-related deaths. The facts speak for themselves: it is time for stronger gun control laws.

Unfortunately the state and local governments refuse to act out of fear of political backlash from the well-heeled, politically powerful gun

community. Fortunately for citizens of the East Bay, local governments are working together to strengthen protections against gun violence.

On May 30th I attended the East Bay Cities Gun Violence Summit. Most East Bay cities are represented by their city managers, and city attorneys. This was a joint meeting aimed at creating uniform gun legislation across all the cities.

What kind of legislation? Here's a list:

- Ordinances to strictly limit "kitchen table" gun sales. Kitchen table gun sales are those who possess a California Firearm License (FFL) and allow them to buy and sell large quantities of guns, and exempt them from the licensing periods and other licensing requirements that apply to other buyers. The last time I attended there were several

kitchen table dealers licensed in Albany. Kitchen table dealers receive virtually no supervision from federal or state agencies. It is easier to buy and sell hundreds of cheap handguns under a Federal Firearms License (FFL), than it is to obtain a permit to buy a single legitimate hunting rifle. This needs to change.

- Ordinances that require that a trigger lock be sold with every gun to protect children against accidental death from playing with firearms.

- Ordinances that allow cities to impose a rational gross receipts tax on any business that sells guns, to defer the cost of administering preventative regulation aimed at avoiding gun violence, and to defer the cost of gun violence when it occurs.

- Ordinances that ban the sale of cheap "Saturday night special" handguns.

While Albany currently has no gun stores, it is important that all the cities in our region act together for the strongest possible protections. And we must move for the strictest possible regulation for those individuals who do possess FFL's and who do exist in our city.

As the coordinated effort of

## From the Mayor's Desk

By Mike Brodsky  
Albany



the East Bay cities moves forward in the coming months, I will be introducing legislation before the Albany City Council to implement these regulations. The public will have ample opportunities to participate and provide comment on this legislation which will be discussed and considered at our regular, public city council meetings.

One of the most interesting things I learned at the Gun Violence Summit is that there is no constitutional prohibition against stricter gun control. The United States Supreme Court has consistently interpreted the second amendment (the right to "keep and bear arms") to apply only to guns used in connection with a well regulated militia, which today means The National Guard.

The proliferation of gun violence in California is due to the unwillingness of the California State Legislature to impose common sense gun control. The blood spilled in our

state from gun violence marks an indelible stain on the house of the California Legislature.

Not only does the California Legislature refuse to act to control gun violence, the stranglehold of the gun lobby on state legislators is so tight that the legislature actually prohibits cities from enacting many types of common sense gun violence prevention measures.

The conference of East Bay city attorneys believes that the currently proposed local ordinances meet the test for exemption from state preemption, that the ordinances are lawful and enforceable.

The more cities that move together, the more likely it is that the state legislature can be dissuaded from bowing to the gun lobby, which surely will try to undermine our attempts by doing an end run to Sacramento.

Albany can do its part to make our own city safer and to contribute to the safety of the entire region.

## School improvement plans OK'd in Albany

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Overriding concern that students will attend too few school days in the coming year, the School Board last week agreed to allow an increased number of student release days at a majority of school sites.

The decision came with discussion and adoption of individual school improvement plans, detailing expenditures and activities allocated to improve overall school performance and fund special program needs.

Last year, the district limited the number of student release days to four days in the current school year after schools began relying on seven to eight days of student time off for staff training during the year.

In limiting student release days this year, board representatives said they were responding to growing parent concern over difficulties caused by increased student time off.

Last week, however, board members voted to allow Albany Middle School, Cornell and Marin elementary schools five days instead of the prescribed four days in order to allow sites to keep up with state trends in improved education. Vista-Macgregor Primary schools also requested five days, but only received approval for four due to lack of a coherent plan for the fifth release day requested.

### Albany Middle School

With a budget of \$62,500 for school improvement activities, the middle school plans to focus its attention in the 1996-97 school on science, language arts, mathematics and social studies.

In addition, principal Terry Corpuz noted, the school is changing its curriculum review process.

"Program quality review has changed to be an on-going process throughout the year, as opposed to the old way, which took a huge report and three-day review process," she said.

It was Boardmember Peggy Thomsen who repeatedly asked each site if the number of release days requested was the bare minimum required.

"I have a concern about the five days. There was lengthy discussion

that it be four. I think at this time we need to give kids as much time in the class as we can," she said.

In explaining the process, Corpuz noted that two days will be devoted to language arts and program quality review and the remaining three days will be used for district-wide math curriculum, science, articulation with high school and elementary schools, social studies and developing ways to assist educationally disadvantaged students.

Speaking as a District Math Committee member, Marin Principal Marian Rothchild said time for development of a new math curriculum is critical at all school sites.

"We are already out of sync with other districts in California and we need to catch up. Most districts are beyond the pilot stage," she said.

Despite concern over student release days, Board President Alan Riffer commended the school for its efforts.

"I was very impressed with the plan. It's thoughtful and well developed. This is the best I've seen in many years. It's unfortunate the focus of our discussion was on staff development. It's not to take away from other aspects of the plan," he said.

### Cornell Elementary School

Cornell Principal Craig Boyan spoke for his school's improvement plan as one that is taking advantage of exciting opportunities.

With a \$107,990 budget allocated for improvement programs, reading skills and special programs, the school will focus on math, language arts/technology and school community in the coming school year.

On the technology side, Boyan reported that the school will receive a boon next year.

"The computer committee got the lab upgraded with 25 Macintosh computers that have been donated. That's been an exciting thing. We have a specific vision for the computer lab," he said, referring to greater emphasis on writing skills programs.

In addition, the school has been accepted as a member of the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative, seeking to improve the status of local

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## Company donates funds to Contra Costa LITA

The Travelers Foundation has announced that LITA (love is the answer) of Contra Costa has received a \$700 grant from the Volunteer Incentive Program. Estab-

lished in 1990, the program awards grants to eligible organizations in which Travelers Group employees volunteer on a regular basis.

In accepting the grant, Lee

Spanier, Executive Director, said that, "LITA (love is the answer) of Contra Costa will use the funds to recruit, train, match and do follow-up support for the volunteers who visit lonely residents in convalescent hospitals. Once a week these volunteers visit mostly elderly, long-term care facilities to improve the quality of life for these individuals. Studies have shown that by bringing in someone from the outside just for me has a positive influence on the physical and mental wellbeing of care-facility residents. Contra Costa County has 33 nursing homes, with half of the residents having no family or friends to visit."

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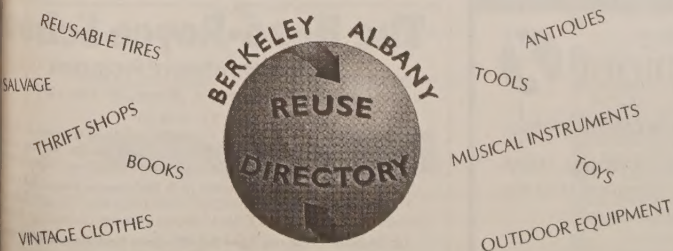


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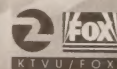
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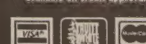


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## Idiot celebrity culture

**Celeb Chitchat:** TV has helped make this a celeb-driven culture, with often unpleasant results. I don't know exactly what feeds this seeming human need for celebs, but one of the things that astounded me in the '70s when I moved to French-speaking Quebec province is that, small as it is, there is a fully developed star system within Quebec — Montreal even has its own home-grown French country-western stars, like Jean-Claude "Tex" Lecor. I am not, as Dave Barry says, making this up. (You haven't lived until you've heard country music in French.)

A few news items and reflections on celebs:

**Tesh Leaves E.T.:** Can you believe this "story" made the network radio newscasts this week? Self-styled renaissance man/caring infomercial spouse **John Tesh** left pseudo-news show "Entertainment Tonight" last week to pursue musical interests, presumably to do more cheesy concerts from Red Rocks

or to compose more schlock for NBC's Olympics coverage. Who cares? Did ABC Radio announce it when Alan Frio left as co-anchor of "Hard Copy"? The ABC Radio report added that Tesh's farewell was "simple and without fanfare." They were expecting maybe Tesh's insights on the state of society?

Local radio morning man **Alex Bennett** made this showbiz observation about Tesh: "He seems to have forgotten that his musical career and everything else he does is predicated upon his being co-host of the TV show, not the other way around."

And the next time any local PBS station carries Tesh — or **Yanni**, for that matter — do what I did and make a phone call informing them if they carry this kind of schmaltz again, you're cancelling your membership and support. There's plenty of room elsewhere on TV for Tesh's musical brilliance — VH-1, for example.

**Who Cares? Part Deux:** *Washington Post* columnist **Charles Krauthammer** recently wrote an insightful piece about celebs offering their political opinions. Krauthammer specifically mentioned **Marlon Brando**'s "weepy expression of regret for some anti-Semitic raving on the **Larry King** show."

The columnist adds: "To which one can only say, with dropped jaw: Who cares? Brando is, to paraphrase **Al Franken**, a big fat fool. He is barely coherent on anything, let alone Jews. He makes Timothy Leary appear lucid."

Also noting Cincinnati Reds' owner **Marge Schott**'s insensitive comments on Hitler "going too far," Krauthammer gets to his point and mine: "Only an idiot celebrity culture — a culture in which **Barbra Streisand** lectures on politics at Harvard, in which the first issue of **John Kennedy Jr.**'s magazine features **Madonna** on "If I Were President," in which Jessica

## New York Times Magazine Puzzle

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Lange plays a farmer in a film and then testifies before a House committee on farm legislation — would care what these people think."

"Idiot celebrity culture." That has the ring of truth to it.

**Kathie Lee, Again:** Late-night host **David Letterman** had a funny line about our next celebrity mediocrity: "It's the prom season again, and that can only mean one thing — 20-hour shifts at **Kathie Lee Gifford**'s sweatshops."

Hubby **Frank Gifford** showed up at sweat, er, sewing shops in New York with an envelope of \$100 bills to pay unpaid workers. Kathie Lee said

she "became physically ill" after hearing from a 14-year-old Honduran girl about conditions in her alleged sweatshops there.

Former *Examiner* columnist **Jeff Jarvis** writes about the insufferable Kathie Lee in this week's TV Guide in his "Couch Critic" column, noting her "wet-eyed and pathologically sincere" attacks on her media critics. Jarvis says Gifford responded to the sweatshop charges by telling morning chat sidekick **Regis Philbin**, "I can't save the world, Reege!"

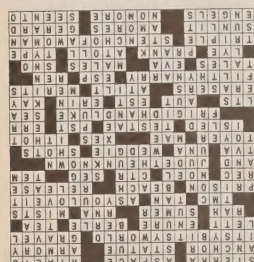
"Yes," adds Jarvis, "she really said that. And she wonders why she's such an easy target." Jarvis then adds: "Well,

here's why: It's because she takes her fame as seriously as she takes herself — and that's too seriously. Kathie Lee is just a talk-show co-host. Yet she seems to think her job requires her to be a touchstone for the rest of us."

**Vanna White**, notes Jarvis, "would not presume to make the kind of pronouncements" about the demise of civilization as innocent-victim Gifford has made recently because Vanna

"has a clearer vision of the world."

She turns letters. Jarvis notes that Gifford host, Philbin, "would pontificate so. He knows of his fame. Gifford does not. Jarvis advises Gifford to stop attacks in the future, adding: "Remember: Starring on a show does not make you better or worse. It just makes you sacrifice the protection of privacy. Is that fair? Not the price of fame. But I am a



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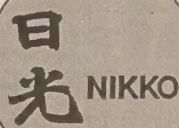
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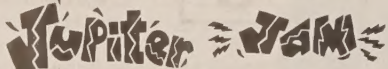
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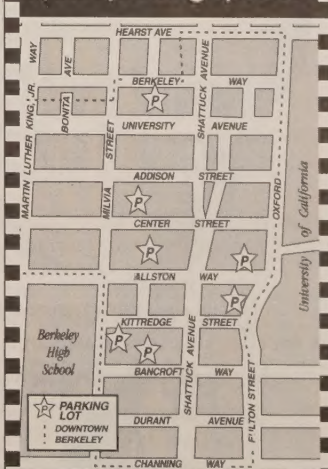
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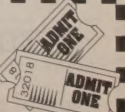


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well as cities and county government, launched a one-step employment program designed to help 2,500 youngsters get summer jobs.

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El Cerrito Chamber associate members are on the move with activities including the El Cerrito-Albany Masonic Lodge, who will serve a spaghetti luncheon at the July 4 celebration at the El Cerrito Community Center starting at 11 a.m. They are also sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on July 7 at the lodge, 6922 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito, 8 a.m. to noon, featuring eggs, pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and tea. Ticket cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for youth.

LITA (Love is the Answer) of Contra Costa will have an opportunity drawing at the July 4 festivities offering many prizes, including a TV, VCR, themed baskets, and much more. Tickets are \$2, or three for \$5, and may be obtained in advance

by calling the LITA office at 527-2055.

The El Cerrito Lions Club will staff an information table on the 4th, as well. The chamber will have maps and Finger Tip Fact sheets at the El Cerrito Historical Society table.

#### Mixer success

The May 23 Membership Mixer hosted by Pet Food Express was a huge success, with many thanks to Mark Witriol and Mike Levy for hosting this excellent event. Delicious food and beverages and prizes won by Bea Doherty-Vincent, Doherty's Truck & Auto Rental; Yolanda Stenmark, California Federal Bank; and Rosemary Veramontes, Private Industry Council, San Pablo office.

About 41 members and guests enjoyed a great evening.



Rags to Riches owner Cida Cassman (center) is welcomed by Chamber President Pat Malailua and City Councilmember Norman La Force.

#### Bad News for Employers

Students seeking to enter the workforce today lack the skills, judgment and thinking ability to

become successful employees, according to a majority of business executives surveyed recently.

By Sewall Glimmer

And, according to a survey conducted by the Bay Area Corporation, the situation is expected to deteriorate to come.

Of the 300 executive principals surveyed, 80 percent of the businessmen and women agreed that students lack the competencies necessary to perform well in today's markets.

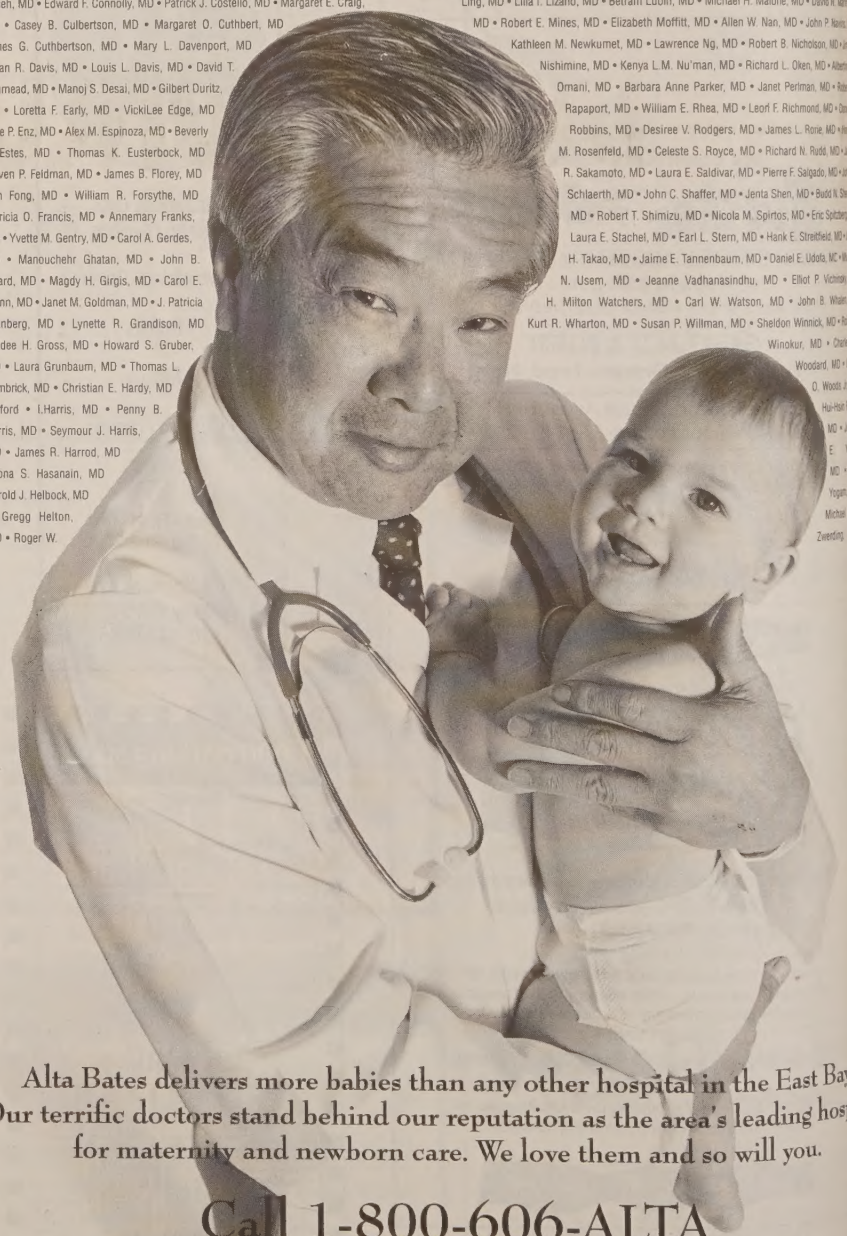
Moreover, 75 percent of the groups predict that the next decade will lack the necessary skills even today — if changes are not made in traditional teaching methods. Some 84 percent of the business executives predicted that science literacy will become a job requirement next 10 years.

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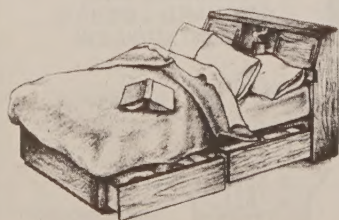
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## West County School Watch

By Glen Price

### New boundaries, same schools

Almost a quarter-century ago, Dr. Lillian Rubin published a landmark study, *Busing and Backlash*, about the struggle for racial integration in the Richmond Unified School District (University of California Press, 1972).

Dr. Rubin wrote, "Like most urban school districts in America, (the RUSD) has for

years been organized around the small neighborhood school. Consequently ... its schools are segregated by both race and class, reflecting the composition of the neighborhoods in which they are situated."

A lot has changed since then but, unfortunately, as far as our schools are concerned, much has stayed the same or even

deteriorated.

This year, in a high-profile action, the WCCUSD embarked upon a process to redraw the attendance boundaries of its schools, for the first time since the actions chronicled by Dr. Rubin in the late 1960s. A highlight of the process was a series of town hall meetings held throughout the district and the convening of a districtwide parent committee to make boundary recommendations to

the school board which, ultimately, adopted a new set of boundaries on May 15.

Actually, the town hall meetings were more than a highlight. Because it had been so long since our district had systematically sought public input, the meetings illuminated with a laser focus the concerns of parents and community.

Not surprisingly, the actual nuts and bolts of where

boundaries were to be drawn were not among the primary items singled out by parents and community.

However, key issues affecting the quality of education offered students were. In meetings throughout the district participants cited as important priorities equity, quality, and, importantly, the current lack of a middle school serving central and southern Richmond.

Interestingly, at about the same time, the California Partnership for Public Education, a non-partisan coalition of organizations working to improve schools, conducted probably the most extensive research study ever executed regarding public education in the state of California. Their survey explored at a state level how Californians feel about public schools and what they want from them. The results indicated that education is a very high priority for residents of this state.

The importance of improving education was tested against that of fighting crime, cutting taxes, and improving environmental protection. In each case, improving schools came out on top. At the same time, Californians are very concerned about the quality of their schools. Only 2 percent of those surveyed gave their schools an "A."

Fortunately, as a state we're confident that something can be done. According to the study nearly eight in 10 Californians feel that schools can improve in the next decade. (For the group's full writeup and complete statistics, check out their web site available through the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative — <http://www.fwl.org/basrc>.)

Here locally, listening to parents and community members at the meetings held in the district high schools confirmed for me that there are deep concerns about the performance of our school district. I wonder what kind of grade the district would get from its citizens? At the same time, the fact that so many people took time to come out and be a part of the process evidences at minimum their still flickering hope that we can do something.

In the first few years following the district's bankruptcy in 1990, district staff and elected leadership were understandably preoccupied with putting the fragmented financial pieces of our school district back together. Now that, in their own words, we have turned the corner on our financial problems, is it too much to ask that the same level of attention be afforded the most

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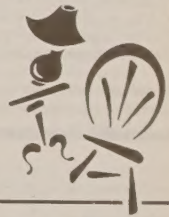
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# Chamber

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## New Member

Local women interested in turning the contents of their overstuffed clothes closets into cash should visit a shop here called — appropriately enough — Rags & Riches.

One of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's newer members, the firm at 11072 San Pablo Ave. is owned and operated by Mrs. Cida Ribiero Cassman.

The small San Pablo Avenue store is packed with contemporary women's fashions — all of which were purchased new or used by Mrs. Cassman or taken on consignment.

Everything, from jeans to evening wear, has been priced to sell and, according to the owner, has been selected to fit women of all sizes.

All merchandise offered the store for sale or consignment, according to Mrs. Cassman, must be in good condition and in style.

A real bargain-hunter's paradise, skirts at Rags & Riches never run more than \$9.50, suits cost from \$25 to \$29, dresses are \$10 and up unless they are really special — like the hand-beaded garments that cost from \$25 to \$30.

In addition, women looking to

save money will find a good selection of shoes, new and used costume jewelry, belts, purses, jackets, pants and swimwear.

Mrs. Cassman is no newcomer to the fashion business. In her native Brazil she owned and operated a women's clothing store, where she was assisted by her sister, who is one of that country's top models.

In commenting on her growing success since taking over Rags & Riches from her friend Sylvia Barandier in December of 1994, Mrs. Cassman said: "Our selection of good used clothes, some of which come from top fashions houses, are always in demand by women who want to have a fine wardrobe and save money at the same time."

"I'm inviting the women of El Cerrito to come in and see how nice our merchandise is. What they see, they'll want to buy. And, our very low discount prices will make it possible for them to do so."

At the present time Rags & Riches is offering a large selection of summer clothes, with the merchandise changing from week to week.

The store is open from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and closed Sunday and Monday.

# School

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pressing and urgent problems facing our school district?

The public's message during the boundary process was repeated again and again by speakers who said, "It's not the lines on the map we care about. If all of the schools were good, the boundaries would be irrelevant."

Ultimately, we can't blame others for failure to confront the key issues facing our schools — it is up to all of us to guarantee a quality education for the children and youth of our community. Borrowing liberally from Will Rogers, "We get the kind of school district we create together." If nothing else, the boundary process should hammer the need to organize behind all of our local schools and, equally importantly, on a districtwide basis to build the kind of school system our children deserve.

AB 3346 Dies — But Bates Set to Try Again With AB 927  
Last week AB 3346, Assemblyman Tom Bates'

innovative legislation to pay back the debt owed the state of California by the WCCUSD through voluntary contributions of volunteer time and donations, was held in the Appropriations Committee, effectively killing it.

However, Bates will be amending the contents of the bill into another bill, AB 927, this week.

The new version of the bill will probably be heard in the Senate Education Committee on June 12. Letters of support for AB 927 (formerly AB 3346) can be sent to: Assemblyman Tom Bates, Room 5135, State Capitol, Sacramento 95814, or faxed to 428-1599 or 916-445-6434.

Castro Elementary Dedicates 'Honor the Earth' Wall

On Friday, June 7, at 10 a.m., Castro Elementary School will dedicate the "Honor the Earth" wall, a project funded by the Education Fund. The wall is composed of over 400 individual tiles handmade by each student at the school. Each class chose its own class theme for the project and the students

then designed and made their own tiles. The public is welcome at the dedication ceremony.

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# POETRY

Students wrote these poems during workshops with Poet-in-Residence Judith Tannenbaum. This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Poetry headline created by Alec Scott, MacGregor High School.

## BUTTERFLY

The butterfly's wings to wheee whoo whee whoo. It goes like the wind on a windy day.

Betty Yang, second grade MacGregor Primary School  
A bird flies  
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Justin Huang, second MacGregor Primary

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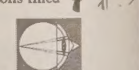


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One question alone is puzzling Western Civilization: Why are they hitting so many home runs in the major leagues this season?

Through May, batters were muzzling. Nine were ahead of Babe Ruth's 1927 pace when he hit 60 homers, and no fewer than 22 were ahead of Roger Maris, who hit 61 homers in 1961.

Whenever there's a power surge in baseball, people blame the ball, claiming it's "juiced up." In the interest of pure science, I recently determined to find out the truth about the 1996 baseball. I phoned George Johnson, professor of mechanical engineering at Berkeley, and explained my problem. If I brought over a 1994 major-league ball and a 1996 ball could he test them to see if the current model is livelier? He said he'd give it a try.

Professor Johnson kept the balls for a week. He determined that the 1996 ball bounced slightly higher than the 1994 version, which might indicate that it would leap off a bat with more force. But the difference was not statistically significant, Johnson said.

Johnson also squeezed the balls to see if they looked like a vise, and found that 1994 was actually firmer than 1996. This was puzzling. You'd expect the so-called "rabbit ball" to be harder, less squishy if it was going to jump off bats with the verve of Superman. Johnson guessed that the softer 1996 ball lingers on the bat longer than the 1994 ball, absorbing greater impact from the swing. But he wasn't entirely sure of this conclusion.

That left the final test which I'd performed with two graduate students, Pete Jones and Bob Pratt. I called a coefficient of drag test, and it measures how quickly a ball flies through the air, if the ball is aerodynamic as opposed to heavy and leaden.

They performed this test in a highly scientific manner. Graduate student Pratt dropped the balls from the roof of Etcheverry Hall, the mechanical engineering building, while the other two tried to eye-ball which ball landed first. Eureka!

Three of five times the '96 ball landed first, by three inches, four inches and six inches. The other two times were a dead heat. Even these small differences could be significant, Johnson said. They had dropped the balls 90 feet, at a speed of about 50 miles per hour. At other velocities and judged over greater distances, the 1996 ball might whiz through the air more smoothly and with less resistance than the '94 ball, resulting in all those extra homers.

Johnson thought the difference in the balls came from the stitching, which makes the seams slightly smoother and rougher on the newer ball. Rougher surfaces make balls fly further and faster, Johnson explained. He warned me not to try to understand this concept, because it wouldn't make sense to an average person — he called it counter-intuitive. But he told me to think of golf balls which are dimpled. Golf balls with little indentations are more aerodynamic than smooth balls.

Clint a Yale professor named "Bar who'd" written a learned tome on the flight of baseballs, Johnson said that as little as a one percent difference in the coefficient of drag between the two balls could amount for 10 percent more homers this season. But Johnson wasn't convinced. That's when I decided to do his Galileo

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# State: SM too young; EC too good

Panthers will  
return in '97  
— experienced

NORWALK, Los Angeles County — St. Mary's used its trip to the state track and field championships last weekend as a chance to take some important steps towards the future.

Of the two relay teams, two individual runners and long jumper who made it here, none got past the trials.

But only one is graduating and all the others should be back at state next year with this valuable experience they've gained going for the ride.

The best finish for the Panthers was an 11th place overall in the 1,600 meter relay. The young St. Mary's foursome of Kwamin Taylor, Jafar Williams, Khalid Taylor (Kwamin's brother), and Devin Poche-West ran a 3:20.53, taking fourth in the heat.

It was final race of the trials, which ended under the lights on a cool night at the Cerritos College track. It was also their final hope for getting through to the finals the next day.

The Panthers boys started by running a 42.76 in the 400 meter relay trials on Friday. That time was good for seventh place in their heat and they finished 21st out of 27 teams that made it to state.

St. Mary's sophomores Kwamin Taylor and Williams didn't make it past their heats in the sprints, but both got to run in the same heat with state champion Obea Moore, from John Muir High in Pasadena.

Moore won two state titles. He captured the 400 meter championship in 45.81 and won the 200 meters in 20.91.

The junior speedster also ran on Muir's winning 400 relay and 1,600 relay teams, giving his school the boys championship with 57 points, almost twice as many as second-place Long Beach Poly (30 points).

St. Mary's runners can only dream of the day a state title comes their way, but at least they've seen what it takes.

Kwamin Taylor made it to the trials in the 400. He was situated in the outside lane as the eighth fastest qualifier in his heat Friday night.

His time of 49.29 was good for seventh, but he finished 16th overall. Moore won that heat in 46.84, then blasted more than a second off that time in the finals to win the state title.

Williams had a similar view of Moore from his Lane 9 position in the 200 trials. Like Taylor, Williams entered his heat with the eighth fastest time and finished seventh.

He ran a 22.44, good for 19th place in the state overall. Moore won that heat in 20.92, then ran an almost identical time in the finals.

Taylor ran the opening leg of St. Mary's relays, while Williams ran anchor. Between them were Khalid



Jeff Lindquist/Peter Mentor



Taylor and Poche-West.

The 1,600 relay team got another view of Moore. They'll have to get used to it, since he'll be back at the state meet for sure.

St. Mary's senior Courtney Holmes won't be back next year. After winning the North Coast Sec-

In the MOC two weeks ago, EC's 4x4 relay team, which included Saneik Saavedra, above forefront, taking the baton from Tiffany White, performed flawlessly. At the state meet, the Lady Gauchos weren't so proficient, as evidenced by Saavedra, below right, consoling teammate Danielle Ross-Parker in Norwalk a week later; St. Mary's Kwamin Taylor, bottom left, qualified for state in the 400M, but failed to make the finals in Norwalk.



tion Meet of Champions triple jump title a week earlier. Holmes settled for 16th overall at state in the triple jump.

Holmes went 45-feet on his first of three jumps, which turned out to his best in the trials.

— Peter Mentor

## EC's relay recovers, then medals

By Peter Mentor

NORWALK, Los Angeles County — Just how good is El Cerrito's 1,600 meter relay team? We may never know for sure.

The Lady Gauchos finished fifth at last weekend's state track and field championships, placing high enough to score a medal in the process.

They ran four laps on the Cerritos College track in 3:46.20. It was a good time for the metric equivalent of the mile, but it could have been better and the Gauchos know it.

EC was ranked eighth in the nation in the 1,600 relay coming here. The team was a predicted shoe-in for the finals and its members were hoping to finish among the top three in California.

They didn't do that, but they were sure happy to make the finals after a devastating time in the trials the night before. The team had to overcome much adversity Friday night, then run in conditions at the finals that were not exactly ideal, physically or mentally.

### Bad from start

Things went wrong for EC even before the 1,600 relay trials began. The Gauchos were in the third heat, which meant they had to watch two other races before running in the last girls' race of the night.

The first had three teams running sub-3:50 times. The second heat had two in that category and one team, North Coast winner James Logan, running a 3:50.01. Those runners cleared the track in preparation for the third and final heat.

Before the race was to start, a fan fell out of the stands onto the side of track. An ambulance was summoned. That left the runners standing around, so officials allowed them to put their sweatbands back on to keep from getting cold.

After a 15-minute delay, the relay teams set up again.

EC was running well. Mia Bigbee and Saneik Saavedra ran the first two legs. Tiffany White was solidly in second place coming into the final handoff.

White finished the third leg and held out the baton to anchor Danielle Ross-Parker. Then disaster struck. The metal cylinder flipped loose and fell to the track.

Ross-Parker bent down to grab the baton just as the Carondelet runners entered the zone. Through the confusion Ross-Parker got a grip on the stick and took off. She recovered well, El Cerrito finished third.

Afterwards the four runners looked sullen. What was so sure

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# EC's Pony stars could run all the way to Texas

By John Gardella

The El Cerrito representatives of Pony Baseball's Mustang Division all-star team flexed their muscles in the postseason's first all-star tournament.

With playoffs still in progress in the El Cerrito Youth Baseball League, the EC Mustangs won the Martinez Pony Baseball Memorial Day Tournament, beating the Richmond all-stars in the final, 11-8.

The nucleus of 10-year-old players on this team is basically the same as the Pinto Division All-stars two years ago. That team was filled with 7- and 8-year-old players that ran roughshod over the competition.

This year's all-stars include many of the players from that squad, including: Ian Gordon and Robert Diaz (Oaks); Greg Murray (A's); Daniel Czernilofsky (Stars); Spencer Selak (Seals);

Jack McKnight (Rockets); and, Jack McSweeney and Erik Johnson (Phillies).

The offensive onslaught during the Memorial Day tournament was led by Diaz (12-for-17), Gordon (10-for-18), Johnson (8-for-12), Murray (8-for-17), and McSweeney (9-for-17).

The high talent level and competitive games don't obscure the real reason for playing sports, which is to have fun, said one of the team's coaches, Harry Gordon.

"It's fun and it's competitive," said Gordon, "But it's up to the coaches to make sure the kids are having a good time."

Gordon said the team will participate in four tournaments over the summer. But that could change if the EC all

-stars have some success in the Pony-sanctioned tournament in late July.

The winner of the local tourney



EC's Pony League all-stars: Bottom, left to right: Robert Diaz, Larry Reyna, Greg Murray, Alec Carlin, Jeff Berndt; center row: Spencer Selak, Kevin Stewart, Jack McSweeney, Ian Gordon, Daniel Czernilofsky, Jack McKnight, Erik Johnson; top: coach Roger Murray, manager Harry Gordon, coaches Kevin Berndt, John McKnight.

will advance to the regional. If they continue to win in the regional, they could end up in the

Pony Baseball World Series in Texas.

"The nucleus of this team is

really talented," said Gordon. "I think they could make some noise this year."



# In the ABGSL, even the batgirl becomes a champ

## YOUNGER DIVISION

### Tiddlywinks Pink Panthers vs. Andronico's All Stars

Right down to champion batgirl Paige Gilbert, the Pink Panthers were determined to excel against the only team that had fewer losses in the Middle Division. The All Stars remembered Tiddlywinks as the only team to have beaten them, so they painted black stripes under their eyes, which made them look like a team full of Will Clark's little sisters.

Tiddlywinks came out swinging in the 1st, with 4 runs on 7 hits, highlighted by the first of Naomi Callender-Scott's two 2-RBI doubles in the game. Andronico's answered with RBI hits in the bottom half from Laura Lackey and Hannah Johnson. The defense heated up in the next 2 innings as each team allowed only 1 run. Echo Gilbert's inning-ending unassisted double play stopped a bases-loaded All Star threat in the 3rd.

In the wild 4th, when the Panthers loaded the bases, Claire Wilkens threw perfectly from 1st to stop the lead runner from scoring. In the bottom of the inning, catcher Gilbert avenged this by tagging out Wilkens trying to steal home. Another Andronico's 5th-inning star was speedy Vanessa Bell, who scored on Frances Farinond's RBI single.

Tied, 10-10, in the 5th, the relentless Panthers led off with a wicked line drive to left by Amanda Hansen. Callender-Scott, now tired of hitting doubles, followed with a 2-RBI triple to cap a 6-run rally. The All-Stars returned with Danielle Moore's 2-RBI triple and RBI from Cory Burgamy (her 2nd) and Sonja Prins (3rd), but in the end they came up a run short.

Tiddlywinks 16, Andronico's 15.

Nolo Press Sharks vs. Red Oak Realty Renegades

Sparkling defense marked the early

going in the finale between the Nolo Press Sharks and Red Oak Realty Renegades. The Sharks' Mary Stephens provided strong leadership and tight defense throughout the game as shortstop. Emily Silverstein and Georgia Tapp came through with impressive catches for the Sharks in the 1st.

For the Renegades, Delaney Danielson came up big in the 1st with an unassisted double play when she snagged a fly at 1st and tagged a retreating runner. Pitcher Anna Schumacher combined with Erica Dickinson at 1st to get 2 out and Schumacher made an acrobatic catch to hold the Sharks to the 1st.

Rebecca Krow-Boniske, Charlotte Hebert, Sylvia Osborne-Caliemo, and Jenna Smart contributed to the stellar Renegade defense.

Julia Kessler had a strong day at the plate for the Sharks. Jenny Wheeler-Stein, Amelia Hoff, and Laura Sonderegger contributed to big scores in the Sharks' 3rd and 4th innings. Hebert, Kimi Horstman, and Schumacher provided equally impressive firepower for the Renegades who came up short in this 17-15 thriller.

### Thornwall Silver Bullets vs. Dr. Brehan's Smilemakers

The Thornwall Silver Bullets met Dr. Brehan's Smilemakers in their last game of the '96 season. The game was a seesaw battle with strong defensive play. Stars in the field for the Bullets included catcher Olwa Camenga who recorded a put-out at home plate; Leslie Graham-Jones who made an unassisted put-out at 2nd; and firstbasewoman Brianna Meyers and pitcher Ava Mortimer who made an unusual put-out at 1st.

The Smilemakers had their own heroes in the field including Julia Meese and Ann Feingold who both caught line drives and Role Cole who made nice

plays at both pitcher and short.

The Bullets offense was keyed by Sarah Adams who hit a 3-run homerun in the 2nd. Amy Havens, Megan Gantz, and Sophia Perks all had important hit. But the Smilemaker batters, who recorded 23 hits in the 3-inning games, drove in even more runs.

Key hits by Emma Oberlander, Stacy Stewart, Laura Donaldson, Diana Fenstermacher and Michelle Gertz led the Smilemakers to 16-8 victory.

## MIDDLE DIVISION

### Vivian Lopez Mighty Molars vs. Alta Bates All Stars

The Mighty Molars and the All Stars faced off in a classic slugfest on a perfect Saturday afternoon at Cordinices Park. Using a randomly generated, computerized line-up devised by coaches Jim McNamara and Mike Birnbach, the Molars scratched out 2 runs against the excellent pitching by All Star Kier Wallis.

Coached the old-fashioned way by Mary Goulart and Carol Jessop, the All Stars, paced by a 3-run double by Rosie Moorhead in the bottom of the 1st, batted around to go ahead, 7 to 2.

The 2nd inning saw the Molars attack rejuvenated by 2-run RBI singles by Molly Knobler, Meredith Williams and Caitlin Goetz. For the All Stars, Julie Hirano provided solid pitching, while Rosie Moorhead, Meagan Drescher, and Elizabeth Pfeffer combined for 6 RBI.

The lead see-sawed and climaxed in an exciting 4th inning where the Molars batted around to score 6 and go up, 17-14. The scrappy All Stars fought back in the bottom of the inning with 3 to tie.

### Grossman & Gibbs Defenders vs. Five Star Video Generals

The Grossman & Gibbs Defenders squared off against Five Star Video in a battle of evenly matched teams Saturday. Obviously tired players, coaches, and

parents gathered for the last regularly scheduled game of the season. The game was tied after 2 innings and the Defenders put it away in the bottom of the 3rd.

Video General Kaitlin Riddle hit a 2-RBI single driving in the first runs of the game. Leila Gorson added a spark to the 1st inning when she got on base. Merideth Smallsreed lead off the General's high scoring 2nd. Nina Samuels, Elizabeth Ali, Krystin Patterson and Caitlin Drulis all had RBI singles driving in teammates Gwyneth Kelly, Kari Gjerde, Miri Plowman and Joanna Letz.

After tying the score in the 1st, the Defenders came back strong in the 2nd. Key hits and run production from aggressive base running was provided by the Defender's Laura Edgar and Alex Phillips. A key hit was provided by Zoe Griffith.

In the 3rd, a strong pitching performance was turned in by Defender Joe Warner who also made a key defensive play on a put out at 1st.

In the bottom of the inning, Rachel Schlessinger checked in with a solid 2-base hit, showing skill and aggressiveness in running the bases. After Warner and Maeve McGovern walked, key RBI singles were produced by Alex Phillips and Rachel Heavner. After Samantha Dolgoff and Kelly Havens walked, Lauren Suslow struck the knock out blow with a bases-clearing long home run to left center.

Good effort by Generals pitchers Caitlin Drulis, Elizabeth Ali and Rebecca Hand.

### Autumn Press Flying Pigs vs. Hans Stahlschmidt Tornados

Under sunny skies on Saturday the Autumn Press Flying Pigs beat the Hans Stahlschmidt Tornados, 20-11. The Fly-

ing Pigs were outstanding offensively. Fiona Mulligan and Emily Zubrisky each hit a long drive to start off the 1st. Kristina Ballentine hit a hard grounder to center field resulting in 2 RBI, and Samantha Honowitz made it to 2nd in the 4th, knocking in runners from 2nd and 3rd. Kate Gorman was on base each time at bat.

Fiona Mulligan, Justine Anton, and Joanna Hoch all showed strong pitching. The Tornados Kayla Lewis sent the Pigs coach Dan Mulligan to the grass by a smoking foul ball. Kayla made 2 great catches in the 4th while playing short.

The Tornados showed some good pitching by Julieta Strauss, Lindsey Spolarich and Katy Fong. Alisha Keenan and Anna Langlois each hit the ball hard to center field for base hits. In the 5th Anna Grashin hit the ball hard to left bringing 2 runners in.

## OLDER DIVISION

### Sweet Potatoes vs. We Be Bop

Sweet Potatoes played 3 excellent innings on Saturday. Unfortunately for them, the 4th was dominated by the Boppers who erased a 13-1 deficit with a 15-run outburst to win, 16-14.

Potatoes pitching and hitting dominated the game early. Erica Noble struck out the side in the first 2 innings. Bopper Rebecca Zarchy scored the only run following a lead-off triple in the 1st. Olga Noris then struck out two in the 3rd.

Meanwhile, Potatoes batted through the order in both the 2nd and 3rd innings. In the 2nd, Ellie Knecht singled, Eleanor Smith doubled driving in Ellie, Danielle Ganes singled driving in Eleanor, and Emilie Louie singled to drive in 2 more runs.

In the 3rd, a series of singles by

Eleanor Smith, Christine Danielle Ganes, Olga Noble, and Gina Gerst helped for 8 runs.

The 4th all belonged to the Boppers. A combination of walks, singles by Hannah Lawler, Mia Araba, Chelsea Zussman began the game. A 3-run double by Megan capped the onslaught. When had cleared a 13-1 deficit, the 16-13 lead for We Be Bop.

It was now up to Bopper to hold the lead. Sterling pitched well. Weitzman and good fielding by others Georgina Goldstein allowed one Potato run and preserved victory for the come-from-behinders.

## Salon vs. Jesse Young Constructors

Jesse Young Constructors out forcefully with fine pitching. Elizabeth Carey and fine fielding including an exciting out where Rivera caught a line drive at 1st. JYC was at bat, Rivera and Webster hit doubles.

In the 2nd, Micah Gadsden striking out a batter for the Then Haley Jones slugged a Greenstein followed with a single. Jones home and Suzy Hime belted what should have been a home run but was caught and ended the sacrifice fly.

In the 3rd, Anna Carlson and fielded well, grabbing a ball, throwing to Himeles for a dramatic out.

Despite the impressive start, the momentum started to shift in the 3rd. After a near bat, Salon led, 15-10.

In the 4th, the Salon seemed unstoppable with a home run and a 23-1 victory.

## Cohn

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thing. Last Friday, he led Pratt, Jones and me to the Campanile in the center of campus. Johnson wanted to toss the balls from the top to see if they dropped at different rates. It was similar to what Galileo had done hundreds of years before, although Galileo didn't have the benefit of official major-league cowhide.

Johnson faced one problem: How to get the balls to the top. You reach the observation deck by

riding an elevator, which happens to have an elevator operator, a cheerful woman who's eager to supply the history of the Campanile. She happily explains its superiority to the Hoover Tower at Stanford, which is lower and, according to her, has substandard bells.

She might have wondered what two men were doing riding up her elevator with a couple of regulation-issue National League balls. So Johnson hid them in a paper bag.

When we reached the top, Johnson tossed the balls as someone down below yelled, "Galileo." They hit the ground with a crash. One bounced crazily all the way to the wall of another building.

When we rejoined them at the bottom, Pratt and Jones were almost hyper-ventilating with excitement. One ball had beaten the other down by at least five feet, a statistic of overwhelming significance. One problem. They'd lost track of which ball was which.

But science never gives up. Graduate student Jones hid the balls in his pants pockets, and then he and Pratt rode up the elevator and got ready to let the little spheres rip through the air. But the coast wasn't clear. Suddenly, tourists were loitering beneath the tower, and you could just see the headlines, "Visitor Conked By Beamball During Wacky Experiment."

Finally, we gave Pratt and Jones the go-ahead, and the balls came hurtling toward earth. At first they

were neck and neck, then one of them pulled ahead, streaked toward the asphalt, landed first and bounced into the bushes. Johnson grabbed the winner. He studied it. He smiled. "It's the 1996 ball," he said.

Which explained quite a lot. It had beaten the 1994 ball by five feet over a distance of roughly 200 feet. In a long fly ball, that would be the difference between a home run and a long out. It would explain why, extrapolated over an entire season, the 1996 ball would result

in about 430 more home runs in 1994, an increase of more than four percent.

We have come to believe that something has been changed about the ball. Maybe it's the cost, the firm or the yarn or the way they're woven. No. The difference is "in" the ball, it's "on" the ball, the way the 1996 ball flies through the air, the way it cuts downwind resistance and the day atmosphere. This probably result of the stitching, about Johnson, that's still a mystery.

## EC

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before, even during the race, was now up to the gods of time. Only the winners of each heat and the next six times would move on to the finals the next day.

EC coach Maurice Scott was sure his team was not going to be among those. It was a bad way to go back to the hotel.

"We'll need a prayer," said White that night.

The prayer was answered. The Gauchos learned they qualified with the slowest of the nine times at 3:53.92, just ahead of Carondelet.

### Bad lane, good time

EC was assigned Lane 1 in the finals, one of the most difficult because of the tight corners. It automatically received that spot as the last qualifier.

Ross-Parker ran the opening leg

because of her ability to run the corners. She finished her lap in 56 seconds flat and had a clean handoff to Saavedra, who ran the fastest split of the four at 55.3. Bigbee clasped the baton and ran the third leg in 56.6. She made sure of her handoff to White, who ran a 57.8 final lap for a total 3:46.20.

Though the time was slower than their 3:45.63 run a week before at the North Coast Section Meet of Champions, it was a great finish considering the emotional state the El Cerrito girls were in the night before.

"First of all we were pretty happy that we still had a chance to run it today," said White. "We didn't think we were going to, but we were proud and surprised that we got to run it today. We were forgetting about the negative and thinking about what we needed to do today."

Scott didn't have to say much to his athletes at the conclusion of the

race. The smile on his face said it all.

### Saavedra 6th, 400 relay eighth

Saavedra was the only local runner to make it to the finals as an individual. The EC junior placed sixth in the 400 meters in 56.10 and picked up a medal for her effort.

She placed fourth in her heat the night before at 55.95, giving her the

eighth fastest time of the trials. That put her in the outside lane for the finals.

Saavedra also ran the second leg for EC's 400 meter relay team that placed seventh at state in 47.53. Seniors Ross-

Parker, Bigbee and anchor Janae Mitchell were part of that medal-winning team.

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## East Bay Events

### Berkeley High dance concert



Dancers from Berkeley High's Baile Folklorico.

The Performing Arts Department of Berkeley High School presents three nights of Dance Projects tonight, Friday and Saturday, June 6, 7 and 8 p.m. in the Florence Schwimley Little Theater, Allston Way at MLK Way in Berkeley. Admission is \$3 at the door.

These performances will highlight not only student dancers and student choreographers, but also some of the other performing talents at Berkeley High School, as two-thirds of the dances will be performed to live music. Also performing will be Berkeley High School's *Baile Folklorico*. This class is taught by Cal student Nydia Algazzali under the sponsorship of Berkeley High dance instructors Marcia Singman and Susan Brown.

### Punk and more at art center

Berkeley Art Center's annual performance series continues Friday at 8 p.m. with Amanda Poets, a funky South African Mbaqanga jive band. *Power of Midnight Voices* will open the show.

Amanda Poets combines Amanda (power) with Poets (writers of words in meter) and was coined by the band founder and leader, Dumile Vokwana, a native of Guguletu (our pride) village bordering Capetown, South Africa.

Vokwana collaborates with writer/arranger/vocalist and choreographer Elouise Burrell to bring forth a full stage show of music, dance and harmonies reminiscent of the early performances of Sly and the Family Stone and the earthy and ancestor-connected sounds of Arrested Development. Solidly rooted in Mbaqanga (South African Township rhythms) the poets' music blends funky new jack swing dance rhythms, melodic vocals, and African style reggae.

Saturday night at 8, Fantasy — Kirk Markopoulos, Chris Kaup, Bryan Ragi Dindial — play "their own thing": three-part harmonies and fold guitar expressions that are "not exactly" rock or pop.

The center is at 1275 Walnut St. Tickets are \$10 and \$8.

### Berkeley artist in group show



"Ditchwitch with Auger," an oil painting by Berkeley artist Tania Tovey, is part of an exhibit of work by East Bay Women Artists now at Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, through June 30.

### Bay Area dance weekend

The Bay Area Dance Series joins Oakland's Festival of the Lake and City College this year with performances June 7-9.

On June 7 at 8 p.m., Oakland's Calvin Simmons Theater, 1010 Tenth St. is the site of a Flamenco gala highlighted by performances by the Bay Area's La Tania and Yaelisa, as well as renowned international composer/flamenco guitarist Chuscales.

Reserved seats are \$15, \$20 and \$25; for the post-performance gala add \$10.

On June 8 and 9 at 7 p.m., Oakland's Laney College Theater explodes with the innovative hip hop-based movements and sounds of Housin' Authority and Midnight Voices. These two groups of young and proud African-American male artists stretch the limit of their genres, drawing on a traditional palette to inform their uniquely theatrical performances.

Tickets are \$12.

Charge tickets call City Box Office at 415-392-4400 or BASS.

### Take a walk

Bill Coburn leads this Saturday's Berkeley History Walking Tour through South Berkeley, where he will trace the social and ethnic history of the area with visual clues such as street grids, plantings, vernacular garden designs, use of public and private space and layers of building styles.

Meet at San Pablo Park clubhouse, Park and Oregon streets (near City and San Pablo) by 10 a.m. Donation of \$5 to \$7 requested.

### What it's about

Hip music and Hip Hop culture have had a tremendous effect on African youth in the last 10 years. Has it been an effective voice of social protest or has it twisted and distorted values in the community?

Find out how this music and cultural genre has impacted black America at a free community forum at Berkeley Public Library's South Branch (1000 Russell) on Friday evening, June 7, at 7 p.m. Rap artists Carla Green (G of Conscious Daughters) and Muhammad Bilal ("Mystic Bilal" of Midnight Voices), Idris Han Stancil (writer for 4080 Hip Hop Magazine) and Davey D (host of KMET Street Soldiers), will address these and other issues.

A question and answer period follows the panel discussion.

Call 644-6860 for information.

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## Two play six in Aurora's Theatre's 'Intimate Exchanges'

By Carol Egan

For its final production of the 1995-96 season, the Aurora Theatre Company chose the seventh in a collection of eight plays by British playwright Alan Ayckbourn. All eight come under the umbrella title of *Intimate Exchanges*.

What is most unusual about this serial drama is the fact that each play contains six characters, performed by only two actors. For the Aurora production, director Barbara Oliver has wisely chosen two of the Bay Area's most versatile actors — Ken Grantham, a co-founder of the Aurora Theatre, and his wife, Kimberly King, attack their multiple parts with vigor. Through rapid costume changes, variations in hairstyles, distinct vocal and physical characteristics, they fill the stage with minimal production means.

Needless to say, it is a tour de force for the actors. Alas, it does not always proceed as smoothly as desired. Last Friday night King, whose work is usually impeccable, suffered slight hesitations in her lines and seemed to find the first transition (from the headmaster's wife, Celia Teasdale, to the slovenly young cleaning girl, Sylvia Bell) difficult. As the play progressed, however, she had no further trouble creating the separate characters and moving smoothly from one to the other.

Grantham's task was made

somewhat simpler through the use of wigs, false moustache and more radical variations in costume. Nevertheless, the subtle actor's choices he made — in vocal inflections, body stance, and gestures — were consistent from start to finish. Achieving the goal of all great actors, he managed to create the illusion of distinct characters, often with only a few moments in which to do so.

Besides the multiplicity of characters, the play offers additional challenges to its performers. Covering a time span of five years, it investigates the relationships between an alcoholic prep school headmaster (Toby Teasdale), his long-suffering wife (Celia Teasdale), their friends (Rowena and Miles Coombs), and the hired help at the school (Sylvia Bell and Lionel Hepplewick).

Social satire is the play's major thrust. However, there are also moments of high comedy reminiscent of Noel Coward, while there are others which make us think of the angry young men of the British theater, notably John Osborne whose iconoclastic 1956 play, *Look Back in Anger*, revolutionized the English-speaking theatre world.

Ayckbourn is not only concerned with the English class system and the psychological make-up of his characters. His obvious delight in language is also apparent through-

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Kimberly King and Ken Grantham: a complete cast.

Robert Bryant

## La Peña: 21 years as multicultural forum

By Carol Egan

Founded in 1975, La Peña (the name means "gathering place") has provided the community with a center for forums, concerts, exhibits, and activities that foster international peace and understanding.

The month of June will be an extended celebration and will feature several youth-oriented programs, beginning with a special performance by La Estudiantina de Alamos, a student music group from Mexico, on June 8.

The tradition of La Estudiantina (also called La Tuna) began as a lifestyle created in 12th century Spain by poor students who, like the troubadours of Europe, roamed the streets and plazas singing for food and money. Originally called *sopistas*, because of the bowl of soup they received after serenading, these student groups were variously viewed as youthful romantics, teenage rebels and the future leaders of Spanish arts and letters.

La Tuna is said to be one of the few traditions that, through music,

has maintained its flavor through the centuries. The costume is usually black with a few touches of color. It consists of pants overalls, a long cape or cloak, a doublet or vest, and a V-shaped sash which carries the colors and embroidered coat-of-arms of the school or institution to which they belong.

Traditionally, the repertoire of La Tuna is based on songs with a special or witty message and songs that praise the beauty of women. Bonded by a sharing of an ideology and a lifestyle, to be a "Tuna" de-

notes a special state of mind. The group is composed of students who join as initiates ("pardillos"), move on to the next level of "Novato," and finally achieve the status of a "Tuna," receiving the sash at that time. Although formerly these groups consisted only of men, some Tunas (including La Estudiantina) now occasionally accept female members.

La Estudiantina of Alamos, formed in 1989, has toured through-

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## 'Sitcom' draws new crowd to theater

"You can't do 'The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker' forever," says Contra Costa Civic Theater's stalwart Louis Flynn.

By Phyllis Lyon

Times have changed since a group of dramatic hopefuls put on *Dear Ruth* in an El Cerrito storefront on San Pablo Avenue 36 years ago this month. The troupe, led by Louis and Betty Flynn, prospered as the Contra Costa Civic Theater to become an enduring and shining success among East Bay community little theaters.

Times, and theatergoers, have changed and the CCCT is changing with them.

One of the most popular dramas currently appearing on the Pomona Avenue stage is *The Good Lawyer*, a comedy series written and independently produced by a group of CCCT regulars. Appealing to a younger crowd who have cut their entertainment teeth on television, the play is billed as "a situation comedy made for the theater instead of television."

"We have to keep reminding everyone that our play is not a serial, but a complete and different episode with the same characters every month," said Mark Wimple, producer, star and guiding light of *The Good Lawyer*.

The whole thing started in 1994



Mark Wimple produces and acts in 'The Good Lawyer,' playing Sunday at CCCT.

Noah Berger

when a "bunch of performers" got together to create and put on a comedy, *Love Thy Neighbor*, at the Veteran's Hall in El Cerrito, Wimple said. The play got so many laughs the company turned the premise into the monthly series that now threatens to run forever.

A new episode of *The Good Lawyer* will play June 9 with more to come in July and September. Performances have been increased from

one to two a night at 5 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3.

"Comedy is a serious business," Wimple said, quoting Lucille Ball. He, a story man and two gag men get together, toss it around and "sift out what's funny," he said. If guffaws, titters and a groan or two among growing audiences are the test, Wimple and his writers are successful humor sifters.

George Willoughby, so the story

goes, is a young lawyer recently come to San Francisco from the boonies in South Dakota. Comedy ensues when innocent hayseed meets up with the zany apartment dwellers in the big city.

The tall, rangy Wimple, who has turned in outstanding performances in the CCCT's *A Few Good Men* and *You Can't Take it With You*,

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# Whose America is it, anyway?

By Renata Polt

Alonso (Scottish actor Tom Conti), a legal immigrant from Spain, lets Bayo (Miki Manojlovic), an illegal from Montenegro (part of the former Yugoslavia), sleep in the spare room in his Brooklyn bar in exchange for custodial work.

The fates of these two middle-aged newcomers is told in Goran Paskaljevic's *Someone Else's America*, a bittersweet tale more Frank Capra than Franz Kafka (Kafka's unfinished novel, *Amerika*, you'll recall, tells the — er — Kafkaesque tale of another immigrant with quite a different fate).

A French-English-German coproduction that screened at the last San Francisco International Film Festival, the film features a cast even more international than its producers. The Montenegrin Bayo has a black Mexican pal. The Spaniard Alonso is in love with a young Syrian woman.

The Chinese family who runs the vegetable store across the alley have a nubile daughter who becomes Bayo's son's love interest. You never saw such an amicable multi-ethnic bunch!

This America really is someone else's — someone who's never heard of racial tensions, let alone racism. Nobody gets mugged, no drugs are in evidence, and a few picturesque graffiti are the only signs of lawlessness in this movie's Brooklyn.

But it's not Spain, and Alonso's blind mother (Maria Casares, the famed French star of *Les Enfants du Paradis* and *Les Dames du Bois de Boulogne*) is homesick for her village, her stone table, the well in her courtyard. So Bayo creates an ersatz Spanish village outside the bar, and Mama never knows the difference.

When Bayo's family arrives in America, his mother (played by actor Manojlovic's own mother, Zorka Manojlovic), too, feels homesick. "I don't know how to live here — it's someone else's country," she laments. But this Mama makes a better adjustment, even if she doesn't master the art of eating with chopsticks at the Chinese family's banquet.

Loneliness seems to be the fate of the film's two central characters, even of Bayo's pet rooster who, Bayo believes, longs for a mate.

Alonso's passion for the sister of the Syrian "vegetable guy" who runs the produce market is doomed to failure. Bayo, deserted by his wife, doesn't even try for romance. The biggest thing these two guys have going for themselves is their friendship with each other.

It's only the next generation, exemplified by Bayo's hustler son Luka (Sergej Trifunovic), who seem destined for success, American-style, even if that means selling the tape recorder on which Bayo listens to British-inflected English lessons, and trying to make money off fighting the pet rooster. Luka is a born entrepreneur, out for the main chance — though he's also an affectionate son and a loving brother.

Sorrow and disappointment play a part in Gordan Mihic's script along with humor, sentiment, and the Montenegrin motto, frequently reiterated by Bayo:

"We no surrender." With that philosophy in mind, we can predict that the two buddies will come out okay in this soft-edged but endearing take on the immigrant experience. And what's wrong with a little uplift, anyway?

## La Peña

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out the Mexican states of Sonora and Sinaloa, and in California and Arizona. It will bring a program of classical and popular Spanish and Mexican music to La Peña. This performance marks its Berkeley debut.

The month's events at La Peña continue with The Mission Project playing Latin Jazz and original music on June 13 and, from East Los Angeles, the Ozomatli Band brings a blend of Latin jazz, funk, and hip hop music on June 14. On June 15 La Peña officially celebrates its 21st anniversary with a full day's birthday bash.

Festivities begin with a public unveiling of a portable canvas mural, created by several young artists and commissioned by La Peña as part of this year's effort to defend affirmative action and promote youth programming. A free reception for the artists will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. with music provided by Zbra Bravo. The celebration continues that evening with a benefit dance featuring Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeño Band.

Acclaimed actress, Greta Sanchez, performs her original solo piece, *Living in Spanish*, June 20 and 21. About the actress' migration from her native Venezuela to growing up in Berkeley, this work was chosen by the San Francisco Art Commission to represent the city's cultural diversity at the "Seoul 600 Festival" in Korea. It was also featured at the "Celebration of Women's Gift" at the Women's Building in San Francisco.

Finally, on June 25, La Peña and Yoshi's co-sponsor Irakere, the legendary 14-member Cuban band that revolutionized the fusion of Afro-Cuban and jazz music. The nucleus of the group was formed in Havana in 1964 by three classically trained musicians: pianist, Chucho Valdés; guitarist, Carlos Emilio Morales; and percussionist, Oscar Valdés. The group formally became Irakere in 1967 when they began recording sound tracks for many Cuban films. The name Irakere comes from a Yoruban legend and means "forest."

Since the 1970s Irakere has been touring internationally, performing at jazz festivals and clubs in Europe, Africa, and the United States. They have collaborated with musicians such as Stan Getz and Dizzy Gillespie, both of whom visited Cuba in 1977 to hear them. A year later the group performed, and was recorded at, the Newport Jazz Festival.



Actress Greta Sanchez helps La Peña celebrate on June 20 and 21.

tival. For that recording they received a Grammy Award but were denied entry into the U.S. to accept it. This marks the first time the entire group will tour to the West Coast. Under the direction of Chuchó Valdés, two shows will be

presented at Yoshi's (8 and 10 p.m.). Tickets for this event are advance purchase, \$20 at the door, available at La Peña, Yoshi's, through BASS. Call 849-3333 for further information regarding Peña presentations.

## Aurora

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out. The plays on words Ayckbourn makes harken back to Shakespeare traditions.

We can only sympathize completely with the anguished Miles as he rehearses a speech to the school's board of directors. Meaning to defend his friend Teasdale, he continuously comes up with the wrong word choices and must find more appropriate substitutes. Spontaneous clichés ("Let us not jump... rush... leap to any hasty judgment... conclusions.") must be adjusted to conceal the unpleasant truth about the headmaster.

Ayckbourn has great fun when dealing with the Teasdale's tool shed (the one actual set piece in the play). When Miles' curious wife, Rowena, wants to inspect it, he tries to discourage her by warning her that it is a private shed, to which she responds that perhaps it is rather a lieutenant shed, a colonel shed, a captain shed. Before entering it, she salutes at the door.

At the end of act one, Miles resolves to lock himself inside the shed until he has decided what course his life should take. Act two, which takes place five years later, finds him still incarcerated. Celia and Sylvia, besides emptying his chamberpot, bring him food and water regularly, so much so that Toby facetiously refers to it as "the only shed in the country with a four-star recommendation." He calls Celia's favorite dessert, apple crumb, the "specialité du shed."

Such wordplays abound, and delight with their wit. In the long run, however, the play is not a simple comedy but a fascinating balance between the absurd and mundane. Its characters are complex prisoners of their own stereotypes. It is an ideal choice for the Aurora, which prides itself on presenting intimate works laden with language and ideas.

The production is ably enhanced by the designers' contributions. Set designer Richard Olmsted's mov-

able shed allows several perspectives of the Teasdale garden plus a churchyard exterior, while Eliza Chugg's costumes assist the actors in their metamorphoses. Robby MacLean's sound design, heard only during the breaks and pauses,

lends just the right touch.

*Intimate Exchanges* runs Wednesday through Sunday through June 23 at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant, Berkeley. For more information call 843-4822.

## CCCT

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among others, plays Willoughby with characteristic style. "I can't shake the image of the corn pone kid," he said. "I'm the straight man; the other actors are the comedians."

Among the eccentric neighbors who make the scene are Eric Fosselius, who Wimple says "can play anything from an English gentleman to a bum," as the Shakespearean actor who's always on.

El Cerrito attorney and Albany Players founder Phil Reed plays a tippling newspaper reporter; Andrew Gabel, a gossiping fashion critic; Cindy Kinnard, a New Age therapist; Paola Franceschi, the lovely love interest; Aubrey McClellan, a villain; and comedians occasionally borrowed from other Bay Area stages.

Wimple, who has copyrighted *The Good Lawyer* segments, said he may try out the series for big-

time television if Hollywood will agree to keep the same cast, not monkey with the scripts and "not screw it up totally," he said.

Meanwhile the Contra Costa Civic Theater company itself is widening its range of play selection and expanding its programs. Next year another show will be added to the present two-drama, two-musical season, and newer plays, such as this year's *Heidi Chronicles*, will be performed. Play readings, dinner-theater packages and expanded summer classes for children are among the innovations planned to draw wider audiences.

"This is the '90s. There's a different philosophy in today's theater," said longtime CCCT artistic director Louis Flynn. "We're looking for new blood and new ideas that will appeal to 30- and 40-something audiences."

"You can't do *The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker* forever," Flynn said. "That's show biz."

### East Bay Events

#### Quilt show

New Pieces Fabric presents "Surface Tension," an exhibit of contemporary quilts by Virginia Holloway. The show will open with a reception on Friday, June and will continue through July 3.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

New Pieces is at 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 527-6777

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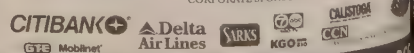
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# Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

## School Board restores classes

Last week the School Board did what many parents have been hoping for. They voted to restore lost classes to our schools. Restorations are expressed in terms of FTE — full-time equivalent positions. Currently, one class period costs one-tenth FTE. For example, is the amount of money the board voted for a before-school chorus at the Middle School.

Other specific restorations included elementary school chorus (2 FTE) and high school

instrumental music (.4 FTE, to be divided between two periods of music, likely to be jazz band and another class). Another .2 FTE was specified for computer instruction for seventhgraders, which will probably result in six weeks of class, most likely before school, as in years past.

The School Board voted to restore elective time as well. At the Middle School, the electives for eighth-grade will be increased by .8 FTE. This amount can provide another semester elective for

eighthgraders, including full-year science for all the students who asked for it. AMS principal Teresa Corpus, who has the eighth-grade elective request forms to guide her, will decide how best to allocate the money.

At the High School, .6 FTE was assigned for electives. Again, the money is not tied to any particular class, but will be used by AHS Principal Virginia Behm to establish three additional periods of electives.

PTA presidents at the Middle School and the High School will keep informed about these and any

future program restorations. PTA presidents for next year are Sarah Samonsky at the High School and Helen Munch at the Middle School. PTA Council also has a Budget Study committee that follows all phases of the Albany school budget process. (Parents interested in working on this committee should plan to attend the PTA Council June 17 meeting, listed below.)

Programs not yet restored by the School Board are AHS programs in journalism, drama, or sports.

Further restoration of school programs is still possible, although of the approximately \$300,000 in

continuing funds available for program and salaries, much is expected to go to salaries. Contract talks with AUSD unions have not yet produced a workable agreement for next year.

The June 11 School Board meeting will be parents' next opportunity to express interest in seeing programs returned to our schools. The board will vote on budget items on June 11 and on the final budget on June 25.

**Events This Week**

Board of Education meets June 11, 7:30 p.m. at Cornell Multi-Use

Room. The board will continue discussions of next year's budget.

MacGregor High School graduation takes place on June 12.

Middle School graduation takes place in the High School Gym on Thursday, June 13, at 8 p.m.

AHS graduation takes place on Friday, June 14, at 8 p.m.

Mark your calendar: PTA Council meets Monday, June 17, 7:30 p.m., in the Edith Stone Room at the Albany Library.

Board of Education meets to approve the budget on June 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cornell Multi-Use Room.

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**OUT ABOUT**

By Frosene Phillips

Once a year for a mere three weeks only, the Copper River King Salmon is on the menu in select restaurants. Since the Alaska Department of Fish and Game enforces this strict season, just a few weeks remain to take the Copper River King plunge.

Berkeley's Skates on the Bay kicked off its version last week with terrific demand. This unique salmon is deeper in color, moist and flavorful. Applewood grilled with wild spring greens and served with a grilled artichoke complete with tartar sauce and lemon mashed potatoes, the dish is priced at \$15.95.

This special dish is likely to draw some newcomers to the Berkeley Marina as well as loyal followers. Located at 100 Seawall Dr., Skates on the Bay offers just that — a view of the Bay and San Francisco in a lively atmosphere.

The Skates sampler platter offers skewered chicken satay with Thai peanut dip, creamy and memorable Dungeness crab and artichoke dip and calamari that is lightly and uniquely prepared with Vera Cruz black bean salsa. Priced at \$13.95, it is a terrific beginning for any meal.

The spinach and papaya salad is refreshing. A housemade chile-lime vinaigrette that is made with lime marmalade complements the baby spinach leaves (\$3.95).

The apple hardwood grill is the standard method of preparation here. The restaurant proudly states that it imports its hand-selected and cured red applewood from the upper areas of the Yakima Valley. Lamb, chicken, steak, prawns and salmon are just a few of the selected dishes that are distinctly enhanced by this preparation method (dinners start at \$10.95).

The dessert department touts an array to satisfy any sweet tooth. Noted for its Key lime pie, Skates has recently added a fresh berry tiramisu to its dessert menu that should quickly become another favorite.

Skates on the Bay is open for lunch and dinner daily and also offers lunch on Saturday as well as brunch on Sunday. Call (510) 549-1900 for reservations and road conditions. The frontage road from Ashby to University has been experiencing some delays due to road work. The restaurant has tried to alleviate difficulties by notifying customers when calling for reservations.

**WEEKEND SCENE:** June Salsa Series Friday and Saturday at Kimball's East and Kimball's Carnival...Carlos Barbosa-Lima Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday 4 p.m. at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Bob Schoen Quartet Wednesday at Cafe Caracas...Soul Attraction at Brennan's...Zydeco Flames Friday and Ron Thompson and the Resistors Saturday at Eli's Mile High Club...Nob Hill Sounds Friday at the Oakland Veterans Memorial Building and Sunday at the Piedmont Veterans Memorial Building.

Christian McBride Quartet at Yoshi's NiteSpot...Debbie Murphy Wednesday, Buddy Conner Thursday and Brenda Boykin Friday with the Eddie Pasternak, Roger Glenn Duo at Gertrude Stein...Live Jazz Wednesday and Thursday in the Terrace Room at the Lake Merritt Hotel...Stillman Trio Saturday at the Pacific Coast Brewing Co...John Turk at the Ramada Inn...The Rhythm Sheiks Friday and the Chris Cobb Band Saturday at the Baltic.

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It's Herb Caen, of course. The news that he has lung cancer has hit San Francisco — and the whole Bay Area, for that matter — like a punch in the stomach.

And well it should. This area is filled with lots of different groups who basically don't like each other very much. The only place where we find a sense of community is in Caen's column.

We read about the adventures of Sister Boom Boom, or the latest doings at the Washbag, or the latest quip from Strange de Jim, and we get the feeling that hey, this really is a city, after all.

The traditional forum, the marketplace in the center of town, where people could meet and mingle, is dead. If you ventured there these days, you'd probably get mugged.

But the forum lives on in spirit every time Caen trots out his battered old Royal.

Ever hear of a "rack poll"? That's a technique newspapers use to find out what's popular and what's not. They stand a guy with a clipboard next to a newspaper rack, and he asks the customers what made them buy the paper.

Every time the Chronicle does a rack poll, 75 percent of the customers answer, "Herb Caen."

One of the most common rumors about him is that his assistant ghost-writes his columns. Let me tell you from personal experience: No way.

Writing is the fun part of the job. It's your Zen, the only time when you can forget your problems and just concentrate on whether thought A leads to thought B.

It's also where your ego resides. After all, it's your name that's out there, front and center.

If I know Caen, he'd sooner kill than let anyone put their grubby little hands on his column. I sure would.

Sure, there are lots of other good columnists around: Art Hoppe, Jon Carroll, Rob Morse, Joan Ryan, Paul Rauber and Alice Kahn, to name just a few. But Caen is still The Maestro. When he rouses himself, he can still write circles around all of us put together.

More often than not, I'll read his column and spot a turn of phrase that I'd give my right arm to have written, and I'll just shake my head and mutter, "The Old Man still has it."

For years, one of the favorite games in town is speculating over who will eventually replace him. The truth is that nobody can replace him; they'll merely succeed him.

*As Cassius said of Caesar:*

*Why, man, he doth bestride the narrow world*

*Like a Colossus; and we petty men*

*Watch under his huge legs and peep about.*

**Mighty Endeavor:** Finally, a few words about today's anniversary of the noblest day of the 20th century: June 6, 1944, the day when American boys ("the pride of our nation," as Franklin Roosevelt so aptly called them) landed on the coast of Normandy to literally save the world.

I urge you to read Stephen Ambrose's moving, masterful book about D-Day. It's the only thing I've read that gives you the real picture of what it was like to be an American G.I. on Omaha Beach that day.

They landed at low tide, which meant that the water kept creeping up the beach as the day wore on. It was a slow-motion nightmare for the wounded, who watched helplessly as the rising tide inexorably crept up and swept them out to sea.

Meanwhile, the rest found themselves pinned down on an ever-shrinking strip of beach. It was so bad, Gen. Omar Bradley seriously considered withdrawing the troops. If he had, the Germans would have been able to drive a wedge between the American and British forces and destroy them in detail.

But late in the afternoon, individual G.I.'s in small groups of two and threes decided on their own that, in the words of Gen. Norm Cota, "there are only two kinds of men on this beach: those who are dead and those who are going to die."

They somehow forced themselves to get up and move off the beach, right into the teeth of the enemy barrage.

As a result, the Germans weren't able to drive that wedge.

And Bradley didn't have to withdraw the troops.

And the battle was won.

And the war was won.

And the world was saved.

If these men aren't true heroes, I don't know who is. God bless them all.

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## Gateway

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ment would require about 10 acres."

• **Strategy No. 4:** Cerrito Creek Open Space and Facilities.

The opportunity perceived is to reclaim the Cerrito Creek area as a community open space resource and use it as the setting for a mix of community activities.

"Strategy No. 4 provides for the development of public amenities and facilities dependent on the revenues created by the SGDA's commercial development. Cerrito Creek could be reclaimed as a natural open space resource. The creek could become the setting for commercial, civic, residential and recreational activities. Future civic facilities, such as a city hall or library, could be located at the edge of the creek facing into the town square."

In making his report, Race commended participants for their "excellent participation.... spirited at times." He said there were several areas in which there appeared to be strong consensus, including the need to address "continuity along San Pablo Avenue," the desire for "public places" to be incorporated into the commercial area, and "the types of linkages" any development should have with the community.

Race accompanied his presentation with slide drawings illustrating the visual impact such development might make.

Council chambers were packed with persons interested in the SGDA report; most seem to have participated in several or all the workshop sessions. Many addressed the council, praising the process where by the "first steps" have been taken in addressing the

community's vision for El Cerrito Plaza and its environs.

Everything depends on finding developers interested in helping the community meet its goals. Several speakers commended the consultants, including Jerry Kayser of Kayser Associates, for setting a realistic tone in the first meeting — emphasizing the fact that any visionary concepts must be constructed within the realities of the marketplace.

Resident Thom Stark was also among those who praised the process. He asked that verbatim comments from participants also be included in the public record, as well as the summaries provided by the professional consultant.

Stark also pointed out several other issues he considered to be "points of commonality." Participants generally understand, for example, that market realities will likely preclude a replacement department store at the Plaza now that the Emporium is closed, he said. (Stark noted that a recent community survey still places "department store" high on residents' wish lists.)

An entertainment center is another point of commonality, he said. It could include a "media store," a medium scale, multiplex theatre and restaurants. Another is the focus on the town center; small groups at the workshops envisioned everything from a square "100 yards across to well over an acre in size," he said.

Stark also stressed the importance participants placed on pedestrian and bicycle access, in addition to space to park cars.

"This is a pretty green community," he said. "A lot of people walk, a lot of people ride bicycles."

## Housing

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100 units by the year 2010 or show a good faith effort.

The actual affordable housing mandate for Albany, as determined by the Association of Bay Area Governments, is 86 units by 1997, 12 of which have already been built. Sources at ABAG, however, say that deadline could be pushed back to 1999. Bill Ekern, Albany's community development and environmental resources director, said although Good was correct that there is no true mandate, Rubin was also correct in that there is an expectation the city will try to fulfill its goal at every available opportunity.

City Attorney Robert Zweben then added that the issue of how strongly such mandates would be enforced was currently a source of great tension between state and local government. Although there are at present no penalties for not fulfilling one's housing goals, lack of such could be viewed negatively in the future as the city applies for other state and federal grants.

Zweben also said the city's mandate is somewhat high because at the time it was determined, plans were in the works to develop affordable housing at the former Hill Lumber site.

Albany resident Jerome Blank had a few questions for Gardner regarding the cost of the project (\$2.7 million), as well as how much parking would be

provided, pointing out that the city requires two spaces for each unit of housing built.

Gardner said although the cost was relatively high, the project was "intended to be low rent, not low quality."

In regard to the parking requirements, which spring from Measure D, passed in 1978, according to Ekern there are exceptions which would allow the project to be zoned at 1.5 spaces per unit, for which, in his opinion, the Creekside Apartments would qualify.

With the exception of Good, the council seemed overwhelmingly supportive of the project. As the vote was taken, Brodsky said Albany had a "moral and ethical obligation to create affordable housing," adding that "we need to do something other than have discussions and file reports." Rubin said she was "delighted" with the proposal. Councilmember Bruce Mast cited the high cost of housing as a reason to vote for the project and said he resented the suggestion that the poor are "morally inferior and criminal minded."

The entire check is not yet in hand, however. RCD, which has already received a \$280,000 grant on the condition that two units are reserved for the developmentally disabled and will get \$15,000 from the city in July to perform environmental studies. It will then apply for a \$700,000 county grant, which would make

Steve Price is another resident known for his role in promoting non-vehicle access. Founders of Sustainable El Cerrito, was on Monday night for his part in instituting the visioning process.

Price said he agreed with Stark that an "interactive dialogue" was "extremely important." He also said he shared council member's concern that the street frontage on San Pablo be attractive.

Price was one of several residents to speak in support of housing. There was significant disagreement among participants on the extent housing should be in any mixed use project at the Plaza. Multiple housing units will provide needed commercial development and will increase the area. Others do not want to see El Cerrito as a "city of homes" threatened, even by homes with single family dwellings or even "townhouses with open spaces and nice landscaping."

Whatever the disagreements, residents reminded the audience that "this is only a beginning" and encouraged everyone not to "dig in their heels" as concepts are refined and proposals are proposed.

One resident may have summed up many participants.

"I hope whatever is done will be done right, be done well," she said.

"We've taken one step down a long road," member Norman La Force. "It will be a long journey, but there's nothing different there than there is here."

purchase of the site possible, after which the city would contribute \$35,000 for demolition of the existing structure. The remaining \$60,000 will be used for project nears completion.

Overall, the majority of the funding will come from loans from private investors, who will receive income tax credits. If all goes as planned, the motel will occur toward the end of the project completion in 1998.

Competition for the units will be fierce, with as many as 40 families applying for units. Although by law RCD cannot slate the units for Albany residents, he said he hopes through the tenant selection to make a large majority of the units available to locals in need of housing. The Creekside Apartments will range from \$250 a month for a one-bedroom apartment to \$650 for three bedrooms. The idea that a family should not pay more than 30 percent of their income for rent and utilities.

RCD currently has the property in escrow at asking price of \$450,000. Although the city has a loan for Albany residents, he said he hopes through the motel originally wanted \$675,000, the price the City Council revoked his use permit. Numerous drug busts and undercover operations. The project will also include improved section of Codornices Creek.

## Study

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chair of the agency, assured them that no one would be forced to do anything.

"We're not going to run anybody out of town," Brodsky said. "I hope you all continue to participate. Your input is valuable and crucial to the process."

City Administrator Daren Fields, speaking as executive director of the agency, echoed Brodsky's assurances, saying the agency merely wished to see if redevelopment was economically viable.

Redevelopment of the two areas has previously been cited by council members as a long-term way to increase Albany's tax base as well as opening up space on San Pablo Avenue for mixed-use commercial development. Although projections for fiscal year 1996/97 do not anticipate the use of reserve funds to balance the city budget, sales tax revenues decreased from \$1.25 million a year in 1990/91 to \$1 million in 1995/96, prompting, in part, the push for redevelopment.

## Fire

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driveway into the house" would have been blocked.

"Hindsight is always 20-20," he added.

The homeowner has expressed some anger against the department regarding its response time and method of addressing the fire, said Scott.

"The guy's watching his life and his fortune go up in smoke," he said. "(Five or six minutes) must seem like an eternity."

According to department records, a single engine arrived at the scene 5-1/2 minutes after a call was received saying there was a truck on fire on Moeser between Galvin and Seaview.

(According to Scott, one of the homeowners said she had tried to call 911 before leaving the house but "no one answered." Scott said her cellular phone call would have been directed to the Solano County CHP.)

The first report to the ECFD came into its business office, saying the truck was on fire. Sending one response engine is normal under those circumstances, he said.

"In the meantime, others called in to say that the fire had gone into the house, then — seconds later — that the whole structure was involved," he said. "Basically, at the 5-1/2 to 6 minute mark, all engines arrived on the scene."

El Cerrito participates in an "automatic aid" system that kicks in immediately with no extra calls for help being necessary. In this case, engines from Richmond responded, as well as the Kensington engine operated by El Cerrito under contract. Ultimately, six engines and two trucks responded to the two-alarm fire.

The fire was under control in 21 minutes.

Scott defended both the department's response time and its approach in attacking the blaze.

"The national standard is six minutes; we were there in 5-1/2 minutes from the receipt of the call," he said. "Six minutes is also the local goal we have set for coverage throughout the city."

According to Fields, the agency will not be heavy-handed about the possible relocation of auto dealerships, but simply wishes to present the opportunity for those who wish to utilize it. If the study proves the concept viable, the agency would eventually be authorized to buy and sell land, with 80 percent of cash surplus earmarked for further redevelopment projects. By state law, the remaining 20 percent of surplus funds would be set aside for affordable housing.

Audience members seemed for the most part mystified at what was taking place, with questions running from how the loan would be paid back to whether the agency members had just written themselves a check for \$22,500. According to Fields, the loan, which came from the city's cash flow reserve, will be paid back if reinvestment generates sufficient funding. The money will go to a consulting firm to determine if redevelopment is viable and will not be pocketed by the council.

The "complexity" of the fire, leading to its "severe and rapid" nature, affected the firefighters approach in handling it, he said.

Scott listed several complicating factors: the involvement of three vehicles, a tar trailer, two propane tanks and a structure in the fire; the fact that the propane tanks or the trailer "could have exploded at any time;" the "1,500 pounds of tar on the ground, melting, on fire, and flowing into the storm drains;" and the fact that the structure was on fire, with pine trees behind the house "starting to go."

"This is a complex set of fire problems," he said.

Scott said that the department's actions on any fire are set by certain priorities. In order, they are the protection of life, of the environment and of property. The propane tanks had to be "attacked" before the house fire, he said. In addition, the fact that there was fuel in the tanks of burning vehicles and a burning trailer created dangerous situations to human life.

"We can't fight the house fire at the risk of losing everybody at the scene due to an explosion," he said. "Those things had to be brought under control. We have to be concerned not only with the lives of the firefighters responding to the incident but the crowd around looking at the fire."

Scott estimated that the propane gas tank could have

created "a fireball 250 feet in diameter ploded."

"That kind of fireball would kill everyone in the scene," he said. "We accomplished the fire our operational priorities: to protect life and property, then property. That's the order in which we were attacked."

As far as Scott is concerned, "the guys did a great job, bringing this fire under control in 21 minutes."

The department estimates the loss at about "Two or three rooms" of the home remained intact, with "quite a bit of salvage" remaining on the border of the house burned. The trees were not destroyed, "my feeling is those were saved," Scott said.

Neighboring homes, including the Calvins behind the burning structure were not burned for "slight burning" of the eaves on the north downhill home.

One firefighter was slightly injured, suffering "back strain" when the garage door fell on him. Firefighters suffered smoke inhalation but were not at the scene.

"There were no other injuries that we know of," Scott said.

Planchon Roofing operates out of San Pablo.

## Albany students earn Camp Fire medal

Two Albany High School senior girls have earned the Wohelo Medal from Camp Fire Boys and Girls, the highest level of achievement for Camp Fire youth (equivalent to the Boy Scouts' Eagle Scout award). Bric Adams and Elsa-Jennic Bliss each completed three substantial service projects as well as fulfilling a four-

year series of requirements in the areas of self-awareness, decision-making, planning and life skills.

Both girls recruited volunteers and helped to rehabilitate a portion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail in the Marin Headlands as part of California Trails Day. Camp Fire clubs from Richmond, Albany, Oakland, and

Alameda joined with other individuals from around the area to dig drainage ditches, and prevent erosion on a travelled trail.

The medallions were presented at a ceremony on June 8 at St. Luther's Church in Richmond. Nancy Adams and Elsa-Jennic Bliss were the recipients.



## CURB APPEAL

GAYLE TANTAU

## Hiller Highlands: townhouse community with the view

According to Palmer, in the early 1960s the property was sold to a developer—U.S. Plywood, a division of Champion International Realty Corporation.

Palmer said, "If you remember the townhouses before the fire, you would have noticed a lot of plywood siding." Also, according to Palmer, the last of the six phases was completed in the early 1980s. Braddock and Logan, another developer took over from U.S. Plywood and completed the project.

Mickle mentioned that when the townhouses were built in Phase I, they were extremely difficult to sell mainly because the lenders were afraid of the new condominium style home.

Today, by contrast, the townhouses are popular and sell quickly if priced right. Presently, there are eight active listings ranging in price from \$339,000 to \$579,000.

"The views, easy accessibility and the club are the main assets of living in Hiller," Mickle said. "Contrary to what one would think, the

neighbors are not intrusive. You wouldn't think that because we live so close together."

Mickle has lived in Hiller Highlands for 24 years and likes the lifestyle. He feels his home is much better constructed now than it was before the fire. As he said, "Everything is up to code." Mickle particularly enjoys tennis and the social activities at the club.

Hiller Highlands is predominately an adult community. This is not very conducive to children's needs due to lack of play space around the homes. Palmer said there are younger adults, couples and singles, who are buying into Hiller since the fire. Many of the older people living in Hiller prior to the fire just found it too difficult to go through the process of rebuilding and, thus, sold their lots.

The townhouses are all different on the interior. Upon rebuilding after the fire, the homeowners were able to design and decorate according to their own tastes and needs. Some of the units are very basic with wall to wall carpeting, modest kitchens and baths, and generally unpretentious finishes.



Jeff Lindquist

The heart of Hiller Highlands—the Highlands Country Club boasts exercise rooms, saunas, locker rooms and a view lounge with a serve-yourself bar.

By contrast, other units have all the fancy upgrades including hardwood floors, European kitchens, granite or marble counter tops, elaborate bathrooms with spas.

The exterior of the townhouses must conform to the respective phase regulations such as materials, design and color. There are 336 townhouses in Hiller Highlands; 90

percent of the project is completed. Highlands Country Club, in my opinion, is the jewel of the development.

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I've been thinking about all these friends this week and the changes in their lives.

Change can be hard. Things happen—sometimes satisfying, sometimes scary, almost always surprising.

The family that sold the house has been working hard toward the move for more than a year. They looked at various communities, schools and housing, spent many hours considering and making plans.

Finally they settled on a town, then a particular lot where they will build. They began to juggle all that is involved in new construction: choosing an architect, getting building permits and financing.

Next they prepared their house for sale. They cleaned and painted, packed and moved many of their belongings into storage, found workmen to make repairs, did everything possible to make their house attractive.

It was inconvenient and stressful with workmen there at 7 a.m. while the boys were getting ready for school, storing the grand piano because it took up so much space in the living room, even

doing without a shower for a few days while it was being redone.

They managed it all—the house looks great and it sold quickly. Now they are at the next step, looking forward to their adventure and wishing fervently that a suitable rental would appear—the next piece to the puzzle.

Our friend in the apartment is surprised to find that there is relief in being away from home. She misses her things but they're still at home and she'll be back before long.

She misses working in her garden, watching it change but she feels she has a lot more open time. It's different living alone for a while but it's also satisfying.

She can lie in bed and read all night if she wants to; she can out go for food anytime. "I'm pretending I'm on vacation," she says.

Our carpenter friend is enjoying the opportunity to mentally leave his job at the end of the day. "It's so easy," he says. "When I'm done, I'm done."

Would he like to give up being a foreman forever? "No, but this is nice for a change. Something new, a relief from being in charge of the whole production."

In real estate everyone we talk to every day is experiencing or is anticipating change. While our clients are all wondering how they'll manage it, they are usually eagerly looking forward, going toward something they want—

larger spaces, their own garden, a preferred neighborhood.

At the start they have a general direction in mind but the specifics of where they will land are unknown.

It is quite wonderful to watch some of these people get to where they are headed. These are the ones who are able to be flexible, people who are open to taking different roads.

They can imagine and allow themselves to see a variety of solutions that may include temporary byways, "vacations" from what they are used to or they intended.

"Does the computer setup make this room look crowded?" the couple asked as they were getting their house ready to show. "Should we move it out?"

"If you can do with out it for a few days, it would be good," we said. Done. The computer disappears.

"There doesn't appear to be any flex in this price," we tell a buyer. "How do you feel about buying this house and borrowing the money to redo the kitchen?"

"The kitchen is old but I can live with it for a while," our buyer says. "This is the house I want, located exactly where I want it to be."

Do these people see any advantages in choices? Sure they do. The seller wants his house to look spacious, more appealing. The

buyer will look at the kitchen the way it is, have the time to make a good plan for fixing it later.

How about renting something you consider ugly? Yes, we and our clients said to one another this week, there are advantages.

"We wouldn't own it," they pointed out. "We won't be responsible for the architecture or, thankfully, for repairing the roof."

"What we rent isn't a reflection of our taste and we'll be free to

concentrate on other

house we're building.

"It would be nice to think of it as a model in for now.

Anet Tarpo and are licensed real estate specialists in the area. They can be reached at 653-2050.

## Building Ed Center the place to start your dream

When Coni Staff and Luana decided to build their dream house they started out by learning all that they could about design and construction.

Their first step was to take the "Homeowner's Design Course" at Berkeley's Building Education Center, a non-profit that offers dozens of classes on home building, remodeling and maintenance.

Coni and Luana then constructed a detailed architectural model as part of the design process. After completing the blueprints and obtaining a building permit, they plan to hire a contractor to build the rough shell of their house and finish the interior themselves.

Join them and dream: whether an addition onto a home or simple repairs.

The BEC will be lecturing this month. • What You Need Before You Build with Glen Kitzner on Thursday, June 22 from noon.

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14 CLIPPER HILL.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....4BD, 3BA.....\$569,000.....OLLIE HAMMEREL  
159 EL CAMINO REAL.....BERKELEY UPLANDS.....4BD, 2+BA.....\$539,000.....RUTH LOCKHART  
1080 HUBERT RD.....CROCKER HIGHLDS.....3+BD, 2+BA.....\$449,000.....MARILYN BREMSER  
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5359 SHAFTER.....ROCKRIDGE.....3BD.....\$269,000.....DARCY DIAMANTINE  
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PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN.....\$2,200,000  
A rare combination of elegance & livability with incredible architectural detail & quality throughout. Enjoy outdoor living in walled terraced gardens. The inviting interior offers a fabulous gourmet kitchen, 7BD/5.5BA & 4 fireplaces.

Dian Hymer

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Donna Ranslen

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Landmark Crocker Highlands home on 1/2 acre. Park like setting w/ great yard. 3BD, 3 sun rooms, remodeled kitchen, light filled w/ exceptional details.

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#### PIEDMONT LEVEL LIVING.....\$695,000

Wonderful floor plan. Manicured setting. 2BD + den, 4+BA. Au pair room w/BA. Extra large living room. Enclosed lanai out to patio.

Norm Robinow

#### TRADITIONAL TOUCHES.....\$539,000

Level living, views & beautiful updating make this special. Hardwood floors, fireplace, Rumpus, 1BD & BA down. Yard.

Donna Ranslen

#### PIEDMONT - REDUCED \$20,000.....\$479,000

Fabulous 2-story traditional. Charming throughout with old world detail. 4BD, 2BA. Patio - yard. 5 min. walk to schools, park.

Adriana Giacomelli

#### MONTCLAIR BEAUTY & QUALITY.....\$469,000

Dramatic and spacious w/ some bay view. 4BD, 3BA. Huge rec room, soaring ceiling in living room & fireplace.

Nancy Dickey

#### MOSTLY LEVEL LIVING.....\$439,000

Spacious Skyline Home. 5BD/3+BA vaulted ceiling family room. Large patio area, pool & cabana. Well-spaced home for privacy.

Ruby Ng

#### NEW CONSTRUCTION.....\$425,000

Custom 5BD/4BA in beautiful Sheffield Village. Hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen. Huge master suite w/ jacuzzi tub.

John Nielsen

#### CUSTOM TOWNHOUSE.....\$399,900

Sophisticated 2BD/2.5BA w/ great views of Bay & bridges. 2 fireplaces, large master suite, extra large closets & back brick patio.

Norm Robinow

#### ROOM TO GROW.....\$329,000

This spacious tri-level contemp needs a little TLC. Great floor plan. Partial bay & big view. 4BD/2.5BA.

Fritz Hochfellner

#### FABULOUS SETTING!.....\$295,000

Montclair level-in, 1-level home on large clearing surrounded by mature trees. 3BD/1.5BA. Garage.

Ruby Ng

#### UPPER ROCKRIDGE - JUST LISTED.....\$287,000

Rustic charmer w/ lots of traditional styling. Beamed ceiling in LR w/ fireplace. Updated kitchen. 2BD/1.5BA. Plus room/ office down stairs w/ access.

Michael Thompson

#### LAUREL.....\$159,000

Charming & clean starter. 2BD, 2BA. Big eat in kitchen, sunny plus room opens to yard.

Evelyn Walker

#### ROCKRIDGE.....\$199,900

Especially nice bungalow upgraded w/ new 2nd full bath. Move right in to this lovely 3BD, 2BA charmer.

Don Coelho

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1091 KEITH.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$235,000.....MONA THOMAS  
758 SPRUCE.....BERKELEY.....4+BR/2BA.....\$485,000.....GABY OLSON  
3148 CLAREMONT.....BERKELEY.....3BR/2BA.....\$299,500.....MELISSA LAMB  
1106 GRIZZLY PEAK.....BERKELEY.....4BR/3BA.....\$495,000.....SALLY HENDRICKS  
517 THE ALAMEDA.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$295,000.....LYDIAN VERA  
1100 SHATTUCK.....BERKELEY.....4+BR/3BA.....\$665,000.....DIANE VERON  
1534 EDITH.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$268,000.....LINDA VERON  
1759 HOPKINS.....BERKELEY.....4BR/2BA.....\$335,000.....KIM MARSH  
1209 OREGON.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$173,000.....DAVID VERON  
1404 MCGEE.....BERKELEY.....3BR/2BA.....\$249,000.....THE VERONS  
18 WILDWOOD.....EL CERRITO.....3BR/2.5BA.....\$179,500.....DIANE VERON  
20 HIGHGATE.....KENSINGTON.....3+BR/3BA.....\$375,000.....TINA VERON  
2874 BROOK WAY.....SAN PABLO.....3BR/1BA.....\$119,000.....THE VERONS  
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544 AILEEN.....N. OAKLAND.....3BR/1+BA.....\$214,000.....SANDY VERON  
5856 CHABOT CT.....ROCKRIDGE.....2BR/1BA.....\$227,500.....CHRIS VERON  
5779 AYALA.....ROCKRIDGE.....2BR+STUDIO.....\$199,000.....LINDA VERON  
6650 ARMOUR DR.....MONTCLAIR.....3BR/2BA.....\$229,000.....MAMOOD VERON  
344 SCOTTS VALLEY.....HERCULES.....3BR/2.5BA.....\$169,000.....KAREN VERON

### BY APPOINTMENT • 486-1495

BERKELEY • KENSINGTON • ALBANY • EL CERRITO • RICHMOND

**NORTH BERKELEY MEDITERRANEAN.....\$665,000**  
Choice location, just a short walk to the Gourmet Ghetto. Great for entertaining with handsome living room, views, remodeled kitchen, 3+ bedrooms plus master suite.

**HUGE BAY VIEW FROM BERKELEY.....\$495,000**  
Watch spectacular sunsets from this spacious home high in the Berkeley hills. From the lovely brick courtyard in front to the west facing decks in back, this one's a sweetheart. 4BR, 3BA, FDR, remodeled kitchen, gleaming hwd flrs. Downstairs could be in-law. Walk to Tilden.

**EXQUISITE BERKELEY HILLS TUDOR.....\$485,000**  
Bay views! Level in to tiled foyer! Large living room, formal dining with French doors to deck and views. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, master suite with spa/bath. Beautiful updates throughout.

**SMASHING BAY VIEWS FROM KENSINGTON.....\$375,000**  
Joyful contemporary with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths plus a family room with fireplace. Views from every room, move-in condition, downstairs could be separate in-law. On a huge lot.

**ELMWOOD TRADITIONAL.....\$299,500**  
JUST LISTED! Traditional detailing throughout, gumwood trim! 3BR, 2BA w/ formal dining. Modern kitchen, spacious rooms plus deck. Walk to Domingo shops & restaurants.

**TOP OF THE BERKELEY HILLS.....\$279,000**  
REDUCED \$40,000! Fabulous remodel! From the ground up! Set like a wine country farmhouse, 2BR wrap around a deck, new kitchen with maple cabinets & imported tile, hardwood floors, the list goes on. A must see!

**NORTH BERKELEY CHARMER.....\$268,000**  
Superb and affordable! Great North Berkeley location, walk to Gourmet Ghetto. 2BR, 1BA plus separate in-law. Formal dining, hardwood floors and fireplace. Tremendous opportunity.

**CHARMING BERKELEY BUNGALOW WITH INCOME.....\$199,000**  
Spacious and full of sunlight with hardwood floors, formal dining with built-ins, 2BR, on a quiet tree-lined street. Cottage in rear with maximum privacy.

**NORTH BERKELEY CRAFTSMAN BEAUTY.....\$299,000**  
JUST LISTED! Craftsman style and charm w/ 2BA plus FDR with built-ins. Remodeled kitchen, bay view from upstairs. Walk to Montclair.

**MAGICAL MONTCLAIR SETTING.....\$299,000**  
Lovely contemp set in to a hillside at the beautiful de-sac in Montclair. Private & quiet w/ views, 3BR, 2BA. Pest control work complete. Motivated sellers are ready to entertain offers.

**LOVELY 1920'S ROCKRIDGE BUNGALOW.....\$299,000**  
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## Look to 'premium bonds' to complement portfolio

self wanting to do more with the money you invest in bonds, premium bonds may serve as an option for you.

Some people believe that "premium bond" means the bond has a superior credit rating (such as AAA by Standard & Poor's), but this is not the case. When a bond is a premium bond, it is selling at a premium, which means it is selling for more than the actual maturity value. The

reason a bond sells at a premium is because the coupon rate is higher than prevailing interest rates. The label "premium" has nothing to do with a bond's credit rating.

Premium bonds are typically bought by investors looking to gain a higher amount of interest income than prevailing rates on currently available bonds. For example, an investor buys 10 \$1,000 bonds, each with an 8 percent coupon, priced at par (meaning \$1,000 paid for a bond with a maturity value of \$1,000).

In time, interest rates may decrease and prevailing rates on similar bonds may decrease to 6.25 per-

cent. Because many people are willing to pay a higher amount to receive the 8 percent bonds' higher interest, they are now worth more than actual face value or selling at a premium.

Assume that you decide you want the 10 premium bonds and purchase them for a total of \$10,500, which includes a \$50 premium on each bond. When the bonds mature, the principal amount of \$10,000 is returned to you, but the \$500 premium is not.

Many bond investors are initially reluctant to invest in premium bonds. On the surface, premium bonds do not sound very appealing: An investor pays more for a bond than its face value and the premium (the amount over face value) paid is not returned at the maturity date. However, the premium paid is for

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the increased interest the investor will receive in the form of above-market payments, so it often pays off in the end.

To illustrate, let's compare the purchase of 10 \$1,000 premium bonds with an 8 percent coupon rate, to the purchase of 10 \$1,000 par bonds with a 6.25 percent coupon rate. We will assume the purchase date is the same, they are all 10-year bonds and they have the same maturity date.

Each bond has a face value of \$1,000, but there is a \$50 premium on each 8 percent coupon bond, bringing your total premium bond investment to \$10,500, compared to the par bond investment of \$10,000. The interest on the premium bonds from the time of purchase until maturity totals \$8,000. Even after the total premium (\$500)

is subtracted from the total interest, the premium bond investment still has a net interest income of \$7,500. The amount of interest received from the par bonds is \$6,250.

As you can see, although the premium is not returned, the additional interest more than compensates the investor for the premium investment and gives an income advantage. This example is for illustrative purposes only and does not reflect an actual investment.

If you are interested in exploring the possibility of premium bonds, you may want to consult an investment professional to determine if premium bonds are suitable for your investing needs.

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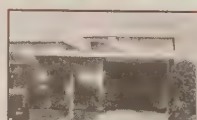
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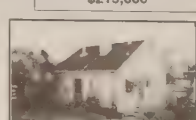
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**Best Buy**  
Move-in condition, charming 2BR, 1BA, hwd floors, newer kitchen, large private yard, great neighborhood. Ury 527-8545 \$104,950

**Bishop Estates Winner**  
Spacious 1,906 sq ft, 4BR, 3BA, move-in condition. Walk to 12 years of school. Ury 527-8545 \$209,950

**Very Attractive 6-Plex**  
All 2BR units. Owner will carry first w/15% down pymt. Ury 527-8545 \$229,500

**Huge Value! Low Price!**  
This is it for you! Want the most for your dollar w/4BR, 2BA, huge yard. 0-5% down. Fae 526-0900 \$119,000

**Forced Sale! Unbelievable!**  
Built by owner/builder. Incred. design, character & lighting. 2 units, 1 w/4BR. Huge yard. Fae 526-0900 \$299,000

**Super Clean!**  
Fantastic opportunity. Great floor plan w/huge yard. "Special financing". Fae 526-0900 \$92,000

**Panoramic Views, Stunning...**  
4BR, 3BA w/1200 sq ft deck, views of hills & valley. 10 yrs young. Appx. 2,400 sq ft. Fae 526-0900 \$279,000

**6BR, 5BA & Only 3 Yrs Young**  
Spectacular home, 4,100+ sq ft. Priced to move. Fae 526-0900 \$459,000



# Hiller...

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ment. The 1991 firestorm burned the clubhouse to the ground as well as devastating the surrounding landscape. Fortunately, the beautiful pool was salvageable.

It took approximately 2 1/2 years from the date of the fire to when the club reopened for activity. The club went through all the same trails and tribulations, and then some, of the rebuilding process that homeowners experienced such as insurance hassles and contractor disputes.

For many fire survivors (including myself), losing both our homes and our wonderful club, was a devastating experience. For me, the club was like a second home, a place to really relax—an unusual country setting right within the city.

Now, close to five years after the

fire, the club is back to normal and better than ever! Dahlan Group Architects designed the new 12,000 square-foot clubhouse. It has a fully equipped exercise room, his and hers saunas, up-to-date locker rooms and showers, a view lounge with a serve-yourself bar including a large TV, and an assembly room with a full kitchen and patio area for social functions and meetings.

The outdoor facilities include a beautiful "L" shaped swimming pool, which is always maintained to perfection, a heated children's pool, a large heated spa, three tennis courts, a rolling green meadow available for picnics and games, a toddler's play structure, and a putting green.

The club also offers a variety of social activities including an investment club, bridge, cocktail parties and theme parties, barbecues and picnics, to name a few.

I just sold a townhouse to a fire survivor couple who have been living on the other side of the tunnel since the fire. They belonged to the club prior to the fire and can't wait to participate again in the club's activities. The club was the main attraction that brought them back to Hiller.

Highlands Country Club is a member-owned, nonprofit corporation. According to club manager Tim Palmer, memberships are still available and he cordially invites anyone who is interested in the club to call him for an appointment for a complimentary visit. He can be reached at 849-0743.

As Robin Mickle said, "The club is the best kept secret in town." I agree!

Gayle Tantau is a Realtor with JT Ward in Berkeley. You can reach her at 845-6021.

# Richmond's best kept secret



A relaxing patio is but one of the numerous amenities that await the residents of Villa Mira Vista at the end of a busy day.

Swimming pool, sauna, club house and tennis courts. Sound like a weekend getaway at some posh country club?

Well, all this and more is yours every day of the week

at Richmond's Villa Mira Vista. These reasonably priced, spacious contemporary townhomes are located in a quiet Richmond oasis.

Villa Mira Vista offers two-

and three townhomes with private patios. Three of this bucolic setting are available. Call Michael Lauth at Red Oak 527-3387.

## Realty institute offers investment seminar

Managing Real Estate As An Investment, sponsored by the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM), will be offered June 22-28 in San Francisco at the Airport Hilton Hotel.

The course was prepared by real estate experts and professional educators and is designed for real estate managers and asset managers involved in the fiscal policy decisions of investment real estate. Topics covered include valuation, financial analysis, preparing a long-range

management plan, cash flow and after-tax analysis, and real estate finance in today's market.

The course is offered to individuals who have successfully completed the exam for any IREM 300-series course or who have earned any of the following designations: MAI, CRE, SREA, CCM, FRI. Tuition for the course is \$915 (for CPM members of IREM \$290; for CPM Candidates, \$840).

A corporate discount tuition rate of \$825 per student is also available

for firms that plan on enrolling ten or more employees in IREM courses during 1996. Firms must purchase ten or more prepaid enrollment certificates to participate in the discount program. For more information contact the Customer Service department at IREM National, (800) 837-0706, ext. 4405. To register by mail or fax, please forward all requests to: IREM Course Registration, P.O. Box 109025, Chicago, Illinois, 60610-9025, fax (800) 338-4736.



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Line up Sunday at 2pm for public viewing of landmark 330 Pershing Dr. Level 1/2-acre bay-view gated estate, 5000 sq ft villa with Architectural Digest kitchen.

D.C. HODGES 531-7667



**HISTORIC CASA MARIA LOUISA** \$895,000  
Hand-stenciled vaulted beam ceilings, master suite w/rooftop terrace, 4BR, 3.5BA, possible au-pair, family room, gazebo, fountains, spa, verandas & much more.

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**A SCULPTURAL MASTERPIECE!** \$747,500  
OPEN SUNDAY - Designer/builder's own custom gem! Demurely handsome facade enfolds soaring & daring interior drama! 200 ft frontage, 4/5 acre. BAY VIEW!

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**GOLDEN GATE VIEWS! BRAND NEW** \$515,000  
Almost completed traditional 3BR, 1.5BA with stunning architectural details and quality workmanship. Level area for play in back yard.

CAROL COHEN 339-4000



**BIG REDUCTION OF \$50K.** \$449,000  
One-level ranch with great horse barn - 3 stalls, tack, loft. More than an acre. 4BR, 3BA on private cul-de-sac. Huge master bedroom with fireplace, hardwood floors, light & bright.

NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670



**THE HOME YOU DESERVE** \$429,000  
4BR, 3BA over 3200 sq ft, well-built contemporary w/180 degree peaceful canyon view from almost every room. Many decks, massive family room, lots of storage, vaulted ceilings

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**GOLF COURSE VIEW** \$325,000  
Custom home features deluxe kitchen, large family room and lovely patio entrance. Outdoor living is spectacular. Sellers will help your mortgage for 4 months! 500 Elysian Fields

HAL MARCUS 339-9281



**JUST LISTED! QUALITY & CHARACTER** \$265,000  
This light, airy 1927 vintage home combines traditional architectural details and quality workmanship. Skylight 3BR, 2BA, full suite. 3956 Fruitvale Ave

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## THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES EXCLUSIVELY LISTED. PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

**15 UNITS CHOICE ADAMS PT AREA** .....\$925,000  
Lovely 1 BR units in great condition. GR \$105+K low down payment. Owners may assist on financing Great opportunity. Great investment. HAL MARCUS 339-9281

**LIVE IN SOPHISTICATED STYLE** .....\$599,000  
4BR, 3.5BA contemp on 1/3 of an acre w/total privacy/seclusion. Fam rm w/fireplace, LR w/fireplace. Spectacular mstr retreat w/fireplace. Wrap-around deck. Private patio w/ hot tub. FDR. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**YOUR OWN PARK W/PRIVACY** .....\$560,000  
OPEN SUNDAY. Beautifully maintained grounds surround sprawling executive ranch, 5BR, 4BA include au-pair. Unusual level property. Call for private viewing. 5055 Dublin DAWN ELLIS 287-2648

**JUST LISTED-UPPER ROCKRIDGE** .....\$549,000  
4BR, 4BA mint condition. Gorgeous siamatic kit w/German cabinet & French tile. 3 bridge views, polished hardwood flrs, new carpet. Private patio w/ hot tub. 3-car gar. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**VIEW-VIEW-VIEW-VIEW** .....\$539,000  
3BR, 2.5BA contemp by Jeff Armstrong. Exceptional quality. LR, FDR, FR w/brick, beautiful mstr suite w/jacuzzi, tub, 2 fireplaces. Gorgeous kit, high ceilings. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF VIEW!** .....\$489,500  
Ridgmont top of the line and top of the world property, sit in the spa and view all Bay bridges & knock out view! 3BR, 2BA of quality custom work. JEN NEFF 339-8400

**DECORATOR'S DREAM!** .....\$469,000  
Spacious, dramatic home in prestige neighborhood! Cathedral beam ceiling, huge brick fireplace, Set on over an acre of level & terraced gardens. PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

**PRIVACY AND SECLUSION** .....\$429,000  
4BR, 3.5 BA over 2600 sq ft in this contemp beauty. Wonderful kitchen w/top of line appliances. Sky lights, formal dining room, lots of built-ins. Separate living quarters. Pride of ownership. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**NEW PRICE IN PIEDMONT** .....\$419,000  
4BR, 3BA, 2500 sq ft w/hwd flrs, high-arched ceilings, sun-filled rms. Woodsy view of Oakland from deck off large eat-in kit. FDR & LR w/built-ins. Great buy NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**ATTAINABLE AND ACCESSIBLE** .....\$399,000  
Quality for the large assumable loan and this large contemporary home close to Montclair Village is yours! E-Z care, great for entertaining 2-4/30 EDITH MARCUS 339-9281

**ADD IT UP - A LOT FOR THE \$\$\$** .....\$329,000  
4BR, 3BA, 2 kitchen, 2 stores, 2 decks, 8 fruit trees, redwood treed, 2600 sq ft 100's of bulbs & flowers - room to grow in the hills. CAROLYN HARTLEY 272-9030

**CLASSIC TRAD - PIEDMONT BORDER** .....\$329,000  
Sunny, charming revival style w/2 garages on private alley - au pair, fenced yard, tree-lined street, 3+ bedrooms, 2.5 baths. LOIS C. JOHNSON 339-8400

**MONTCLAIR - NEW LISTING** .....\$319,000  
4BR, 2BA home in heart of Montclair. Central court. Quality remodeled & enlarged kitchen w/spacious eating area. Great separation of space. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

**OLD WORLD CHARM, CUSTOM MEDITERR** .....\$315,000  
Beautifully maintained 4BR, 2.5BA, sunken LR w/fireplace, FDR, approx 500 sq ft bonus rm. Great for game rm or home office, shown by appointment only. CALL TODAY! CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD

**SUCH A DEAL IN ROCKRIDGE** .....\$309,000  
Just reduced and seller will credit you \$5000. This 3BR bungalow is in move-in condition. Within walking distance to BART & shops, separate studio. M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

**WOODSY CUL-DE-SAC SETTING** .....\$299,000  
Montclair family home w/large lot & level patio areas. Flexible floor plan has 4BR, 2.5 BA, family room and much more! Walk to excellent elem school. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**VIEWSI VIEWS! VIEWS!** .....\$299,000  
Enjoy carefree living in this unique PUD. 21 homes on 7.5 acres with tennis and pool. Approx 2000 sq ft. 3BR, 2.5 BA family room, level-out yard. CAROL OR MARTHA 339-8400

**A COOL HOUSE** .....\$299,000  
Sunny & spacious with expansive view of Oakland Hills. Convenient to Montclair shops & S.F. commute. Fantastic yard, very quiet street, large kitchen. M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

**BEST KEPT SECRET** .....\$299,000  
You'll be amazed to find so much value in this roomy traditional where you can walk to everything. Easy S.F. commute. Great neighborhood. M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

**SAN FRANCISCO & BAY VIEWS!** .....\$292,000  
Youthful former model seeks new soulmate! I have sleek hwd flrs, giant fireplace, built to please sunshine lovers. 3BR, 2.5 BA family room, level-out yard. HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

**NEED ENERGETIC OWNERS!** .....\$289,500  
Reduced again. Just a little TLC will turn this 3BR, 2BA whuge all on one level family room into a spectacular home Will give pest clearance. KEN FERRELL 814-9036

**JUST LISTED-BAY VIEWS** .....\$255,000  
Don't wait - it'll be gone. 3BR, 2BA w/huge big rumpus room. Probate needs paint & decorating. Great area. Pest control credit. MIKE SULLIVAN 834-4000

**MEDITERRANEAN DUPLEX REDUCED!** .....\$249,000  
Owner paid \$30K more than current asking price. Large 1BR units w/DR, fireplace, garage parking, laundry. Needs TLC but what a value! HAL MARCUS 339-9281

**TOTAL UPDATED BROWN-SHINGLE** .....\$249,000  
Gorgeous shingle w/3 new, quality baths, stunning kitchen, open floor plan and more! Newly landscaped, impeccably maintained. Quiet Upper Laurel. STEVEN BIASATTI 339-6160 X239

**READY TO MOVE-IN, ALL THE WORK IS DONE** .....\$249,000  
Just reduced, Open Sunday, stylish contemp, w/wooded view, all new expansive decks, upgraded kitchen & baths. 3BR, 2BA, hwd flrs, call today! CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-7653

**BIG HOUSE, BIG VIEW, SMALL \$\$\$** .....\$239,500  
Lots for the money 3+ large BR, 2BA, 2 fireplace, beautiful hardwood floors, in-law potential. Huge workshop, level yard, good area and bay view to boot. DAWN ELLIS 287-2648

**UNBELIEVABLE VALUE!** .....\$238,000  
Oakmore 3 bedroom built like a fortress! Needs your decorating touches. Level yard and pretty hill view. Many extras. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**OWNER RETIRED - EXCELLENT STARTER** .....\$229,500  
2BR, 1BA more areas to be expanded when needed. Price reduced. Owner ready to move. Will credit for repairs. ED LINDORFER 531-8401

**LIVE - WORK - ENJOY!** .....\$229,000  
Excellent Glenview location - Floorplan is perfect for home office! Large sunny yard, quiet street. Includes 3BR, 2BA formal dining plus study! PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

**MONTCLAIR STARTER HOME** .....\$225,000  
New listing, this 3BR, 1BA contemporary is easily expandable. Meanwhile, enjoy the partial Bay view and private woodsy outlook. Good value. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**ROCKRIDGE CRAFTSMAN** .....\$225,000  
Original charm! Large entry hardwood, FDR, built-in window seats & large sunny yard in full bloom! Walk to BART, College Ave - Call to see today! PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS - CRAFTSMAN** .....\$220,000  
3BR, 1.5BA, living room w/fireplace, breakfast room, FDR w/built-ins, deep lot. This home needs a craftsman aficionado to restore it to its original grandeur. CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-7653

**TUDOR TREASURE** .....\$219,000  
With wonderful details & a yard that's a gardener's delight. New kitchen w/adjoining deck, new roof, basement, plans available for expansion. ELAINE JONES 547-5715

**GLENVIEW-SUNNY AND SPACIOUS** .....\$217,000  
Charm abounds in this extra spacious 2 bedroom bungalow. Family style kitchen, large dining area. Extra large bedrooms. Nice level lot. CAROL COHEN 339-8400

**ALAMEDA CHARM AND CONVENIENCE** .....\$209,000  
Light filled craftsman bungalow has a spacious feel from the large entry to the dining room with box beam ceiling, built-in buffet plus big eat-in kitchen. Open Sun, 2-4/30. 1822 Nason EDITH MARCUS 287-5886

**GLENVIEW STYLISH BUNGALOW** .....\$199,000  
Spacious sunny and shining - adorably restored! All appliances, stay, hwd flrs, built-ins, drought resistant garden. Large level out back yard. Easy commute. CAROLYN HARTLEY 272-9030

**REEL THIS ONE IN!** .....\$189,500  
Huge \$60K reduction. 4BR, 2BA over 2000 sq ft. In Haddon Hill make this traditional your dream home by adding your personal touches. Remod kit, FDR, basement. NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**CO-HOUSING POTENTIAL W/VIEW** .....\$178,500  
Spacious (10,000 sq ft) lot zoned R-40. 1st time ever on market. Great opportunity/potential for contractor/owner/investor! Fabulous 70 year senous garden. RACHEL BALLER 530-3860

**TASTEFUL TUDOR** .....\$175,500  
Superb starter on charming street. Spacious living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, hardwood floors, large basement w/workshop, 3 bedrooms. M.J. MCCONVILLE

**OAKLANDS BEST CONDO COMPLEX** .....\$169,000  
Fabulous pano views of Oakland/Piedmont hills from a Frpic, 2 master suites, lots of closets. Great Piedmont Area location. Seller says sell! RACHEL BALLER 530-3860

**STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES** .....\$159,000  
Impossible to avoid them-overlooks the Rose Garden! 2BR, 1BA separate dining w/built-ins, fireplace, eat-in kitchen, Garden atrium entry. Rarely available condo. HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

**PLEASE, WILL SOMEONE BUY ME?** .....\$130,000  
I'm a nice 2-BR 1.5BA home w a nice back yard w/ trees waiting for some nice people to buy me and replace nice hardwood floors. NICK LAUREY 339-8400

**1ST TIME - PREMIER PIEDMONT AVE** .....\$129,950  
Walk to gourmet ghetto from "tasty" 2BR 1BA condo! Prestigious quality building. Superb layout, central garage, filtered bay view! Line-up for SUNDAY OPEN D.C. HODGES 531-7667

**PIED PINES CONDOMINIUM** .....\$129,000  
Above Ht 13, near Woodminster 2 bedroom, large view, Second floor with private deck with pastoral view, garage, laundry and security. HAL CASTLE 339-8400

**PERFECT FOR ARTIST/RAFTSMAN** .....\$124,500  
Mills College 2+BR, 1.5BA w separate studio space, workshop/home office French doors, family style updated kitchen, lg yard w/oi pond. SHERO-A-SIMS 339-8400

**READY TO MOVE-IN** .....\$114,000  
At this fantastic price you can have all the benefits of owning your own large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo Master suite w/ walk-in closet, balcony, built-ins! MICHAEL HARDING 339-8400

**A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH** .....\$112,000  
Maxwell Park's nicest. This home needs some work but is charm & potential. Full basement that has been developed. MICHAEL HARDING 339-8400

**WHY PAY RENT - CONDO GIVEAWAY** .....\$112,000  
At this fantastic price you can have all the benefits of owning your own large 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo Master suite w/ walk-in closet, balcony, built-ins! EDITH MARCUS 287-5886

**MOVE RIGHT IN!** .....\$110,000  
Lovingly cared for 2BR, 2BA condo with FDR, fireplace, laundry room. Truly a home! CAROL COHEN 339-8400

**CONDO - CLOSE TO EVERYTHING** .....\$99,000  
Located in the heart of Alameda, just move right in, 2 stories, spacious & bright. Foreclosure with seller financing available. MICHAEL HARDING 339-8400

**WHY PAY RENT?** .....\$99,000  
Chzy honeymoon cottage on private lane. 2BR 1BA ranch style, plank hardwood floors, living room, fireplace, breakfast room, overlooks patio garden, laundry room, garage. CAROL COHEN 339-8400



# BAHA unveils annual awards

Adrian Harty

With the aim of recognizing outstanding examples of landscaping, renovation and adaptive reuse of older Berkeley buildings, the 18th annual Preservation Awards of the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association (BAHA) will take place in the Brazilian Room in the Park on May 23rd. Awards also given to new buildings in traditional Berkeley styles.

The awards committee used general criteria for evaluating projects, said committee member Susan Weingraf. "First, a project should be sensitive to the original structure and materials of the building. Second an award winner should preserve the essence of the original even if its use has changed. Third it should indicate imaginative and aesthetic excellence. Finally, it should be sensitive to and contribute to its neighborhood setting."

This year, the award for Commercial Renovation went to Mary Ann and McCamant (owners), Architects Durrett, and Ben Davies Construction. Originally a warehouse, the building at 2748 Adeline

Street, stands across the street from a boarded-up Safeway. "The neighborhood is in sort of tenuous transition, so this is a way of helping it move along and progress," said Durrett.

The second award went to the Oxford Center Building in downtown Berkeley. The recipients were Soheyl Modarressi, president of the Oxford Development Group, Architect Robert Nebolon and Winfield Construction.

The new Oxford Center Building blends completely with the older architecture of the block and retains the essence of the original structure, which stood until it burned in 1920. "It's part of a trend of going back to the past and taking it into the future," said Nebolon.

An award, for Commercial Exterior Renovation went to the structure at 2355 Telegraph Avenue, the present location of Smart Alec's Restaurant.

Alex Popov, owner John Lineweaver and Architect Italo Calpestri restored the original windows and facade, using photos from 1910 in the BAHA archives. According to Weingraf the completed project is "a tremendous improvement on Telegraph. They did a wonderful job."

The award, for Commercial Adaptive Reuse went to Abrams, Millikan and Kent for the Rainen Building at 1780 Fourth Street—originally industrial, the architects essentially gutted the building, added a plaza and put in retail shops.

The award for Exterior Renovation went to Nina and Paul Winans of Winans Construction along with Architects Richard Crandall and Stephen Rynerson.

The home, which won the Exterior Renovation Award, a single family residence, in Thousand Oaks, didn't have a front porch. The owners built a new entryway complementing the other buildings on the block.

The Gutterson Building at 1600 Euclid Avenue, neglected for many years, according to Weingraf, until owners John Jordan and Pattie Wilson along with developers Snowden and Aspling did foundation work and restored it. They won the award for Rehabilitation and Restoration.

The Munger Brothers have received awards from BAHA in the past, for renovation work. The exterior of the building at 2748 Adeline

See BAHA on page 24

## Kudos to Red Oak's top producers

Associate Brokers John and Judith Ratcliffe were recently honored by Red Oak Realty as the top producing sales team for 1995.

The Ratcliffes have been with Red Oak for ten years, and have been the company's top producers for the past five.

"In 1986 we decided to make a career change to real estate in order to work as a team and to apply skills we previously acquired in education, counseling, and consulting," said Judith.

Both are graduates of UC Berkeley, where they each received masters and doctorates in public health.

"Our love of architecture and fine homes translates to a love for our real-estate profession," said John. A native of Ottuma, Iowa, John spent several years in India and Bangladesh with the Ford Foundation and the World Bank. He also taught at Harvard and UC Berkeley.

Judith, a fourth generation Californian grew up in Red Bluff.



Don Melandri

The power of two: Associate Brokers Judith and John Ratcliffe continue their five-year string as Red Oak Realty's top-producing sales team.

As a UCB undergraduate, she spent her junior year in Spain. Upon graduation she served in the Peace Corps in Peru.

By working together, the

Ratcliffes have taken teamwork to a new level—they call it the Power of Two: creating a whole that is greater than the sum of the parts.

## MASON McDUFFIE...Welcome Home

### OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

**WASHING MEDITERRANEAN** \$499,000  
Behind Claremont with bay views. 3BR, 2.5BA. Large master BR suite with bay views. Double lot, professionally landscaped garden. Designed by James Kemp, built by Servais. MONICA ROHRER 849-3711, 525-7805

**PIEDMONT BEST BUY!** \$499,000  
After motivated on this charming 4BR, 2.5BA traditional with large formal rooms, breakfast room & separate entry. Walk to schools! NANCY LEHRKIND 428-0900

**ANORAMIC SF VIEW** \$469,000  
3BR, 3BA Hiller Highlands townhouse. Beautiful finish work. GEORGE MILLERSON 339-9290, 869-4233

**MONTCLAIR SCHOOLS** \$359,000  
New listing - only 5 years old, ideal floor plan for home (w/au pair), high ceiling, hardwood floors, low maintenance landscape. Easy commute to all directions. ZANNE YAMAMOTO 428-0900

**MONTCLAIR BIG & BEAUTIFUL!** \$349,000  
3BR, 3.5BA, family room & rumpus room. deck, 2-car garage, formal dining, au pair, home work. DEB MANOR 339-9290, 644-0808

**EASE OPTION - PIEDMONT PINES** \$339,000  
Spectacular views - decks. Spacious 3+BR, 2+BA home with high ceilings, large family rm, frpl, 2-car garage & many amenities. MONICA ROHRER 849-3711, 525-7805

**GOLDEN GATE VIEWS & PERFECT SUNSETS...** \$315,000  
Take this Joaquin Miller Heights home an oasis. Imagine relaxing and unwinding from the deck, hot tub overlooking the lights twinkle in the City. Large private lot with majestic oak trees, 2-car garage, 3BR, 2BA, spacious floor plan. Open Sun., 6/9, 2-4:30. DARRIN 834-2010

**ABSOLUTE BEST PRICE!** \$279,000  
3BR, 2BA rancher in Piedmont side of Montclair. Needs cosmetics & creativity only. Privacy from street. Wonderful site. <http://www.m-mcd.com/swo> TERRI OAKLEY 428-0900

**SPACIOUS & CHARMING FIXER** \$249,950  
Walk to Montclair Village. 3+BR, 2BA w/vaulted beam ceilings. Eat-in kitchen. Pretty wooded site. Au pair potential with sep. entry. <http://www.m-mcd.com/swo> TERRI OAKLEY 428-0900

**GLENVIEW - JUST MOVE IN!** \$249,000  
2BR, 2BA priced to sell and in move-in condition! Great then with granite counters, attached family room, lots plus rooms and huge 2-car garage. MAROLINE PETERS 428-0900, 547-1722

**WALK 3BR IN THE HEART OF...** \$224,000  
Bridgeway 1911 cottage above College. Eat-in kitchen, fireplace, very private yard and detached garage. Walk to shops, restaurants, BART. PASCAL FOREST 845-0200

**MOVE RIGHT IN** \$220,000  
New starter with 3BR, 2BA, large country kitchen, hardwood flrs, and fireplace. 2 decks with bay views. Trans. by PAMELA CORNFORD 339-9290, 869-4213

**SPACIOUS MASTER SUITE** \$218,000  
Home offers 1 or 2 stories living. Inviting living rm with built-in book cases. Family rm opens to back yard, w/very good location. ANDY NG 339-8888, 531-4096

### OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

**GREAT BUY!** \$184,500  
Two for the price of one! Termite cleared! Charming! Back unit with beamed ceilings. Great commute location. Probate. JOHN HJ CASHMAN 526-5143

**CHARMING TRADITIONAL** \$169,500  
2BR, 1BA Mediterranean on corner lot. Hardwood floors. Formal dining rm, 2-car garage. Partial basement. Ample storage. HENRIETTE GREEN 834-2010

**GORGEOUS SPANISH-MEDITERRANEAN** \$159,000  
2BR, 1BA townhome with fireplace, hardwood floors. Better than a single family home. MARY DRESSER 339-9290, 869-4224

**EASE OF LIVING** \$145,000  
2BR, 2BA on the waterfront. Close to downtown yet away from it all. Lots of amenities. Swimming, tennis, walk to Jack London Square. MONICA ROHRER 849-3711, 525-7825

**FIREHOUSE LOFT** \$124,000  
One 900 +/- sq ft loft - hwd floors, brick walls, secure entry and garage. Call to see. WAGNER 524-2526

**NORTH OAKLAND FIXER** \$69,000  
3BR, 1BA, needs work! REO - seller will finance. Easy to buy. Nice & quiet area. Good to make money with! STAN H. 834-2010, 635-8556

### BERKELEY / ALBANY

**ELMWOOD BROWN SHINGLE** \$415,000  
Prime street, 3BR, 2BA, with huge attic/art studio. Good yard, new kitchen, high ceilings. This one has it all! LIZ STEVENS 845-0200

**INVESTMENT SPECIALTY** \$379,000  
Large lot with 7 units - 3BR house, four 2BR and two 1BR apts. Laundry on premises, hobby room, off-street parking, gated. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

**CRAFTSMAN JEWEL IN NORTH BERKELEY** \$255,000  
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**IMMACULATE HOME IN MARINA** \$249,000  
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### LOTS

**GENTLE SLOPE WITH BAY VIEW** \$145,000  
Hillcrest School district. Plans, soil report & survey. JON DUNN 339-9290, 869-4215



**GREAT GLENVIEW BUNGALOW** \$199,000  
Very nice 2BR, 2BA with formal dining rm, built-ins; w/garden, Crocker Highlands School. Open Sun. 10, 2-4:30. 3977 Greenwood, Oakland. LOLORES THOM 834-2010, 763-1710

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| 410 HAMPTON ROAD<br>Light & spacious contemporary. Exquisite level landscaped level grounds. 5 bedrooms/5 baths. CONNIE ROGERS<br>\$1,135,000                                | 21 PARK WAY<br>Elegant 3-story traditional 5+ sunny spacious bdms. Formal living/dining & comfortable family rm DONALD GRUBB JR.<br>NEW PRICE \$659,000                             |
| 11 SCENIC AVENUE<br>Beautiful residence with exquisite detailing & level landscaped grounds. Formal living/dining & library retreat. D GRUBB JR.<br>\$959,500                | 111 MONTE AVENUE<br>Located on quiet street, with sunny exposure & bay view. Updated kitchen. 4+ bedrooms/3+ baths, family room and garden. DEBRA DRYDEN<br>NEW EXCLUSIVE \$649,000 |
| 420 HAMPTON ROAD<br>Beautiful Colonial. Gorgeous level landscaped property. 4/3.5, family room AND rumpus. KATHLEEN CALLAHAN<br>\$875,000                                    | 180 MAXWELTON ROAD<br>Panoramic view & level garden. Peaceful, spacious & private 4+3/4 and country kitchen. Super buy! SANDRA VOGL<br>\$695,000                                    |
| 111 ESTATES DRIVE<br>Gorgeous all-level home w/ central courtyard & family room. Formal living/dining & dramatic ceilings. Wonderful entertaining BONNIE HIRSCH<br>\$749,500 | 1609 GRAND AVENUE<br>Darling 3/2 traditional. Split level w/high ceilings, beautiful built-ins & private garden. Private MARILYN WATSON<br>\$365,000                                |
| 12 ALTA AVENUE<br>Formal dining/gracious living. Elegant, well-designed kitchen w/attached breakfast rm. Wonderful garden. JEAN SIMMONS<br>\$669,000                         | 100 RAMONA AVE<br>Natural light throughout. Living rm w/fireplace & formal dining w/built-ins. Family rm off kitch. Garden. J. O'SHAUGHNESSY<br>NEW EXCLUSIVE \$339,000             |

### OAKLAND

Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.

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| 12600 SKYLINE BLVD.<br>Gracious Mediterranean w/5+ bdms/4.5 baths, pool & spa. Level landscaped grounds & garden. JUDY RANKANKAN<br>\$999,000  | 1054 SUNNYHILLS ROAD<br>Charming Crocker home w/updated kitchen, formal living/dining & expanded mstr ste. 3/2.5 & garden. JUDY CAIN<br>\$459,000            |
| 6111/6101 MAZUELA DRIVE<br>Montclair Estates. Oakland's newest estate community. Two spectacular new homes with gorgeous panoramic Bay views. Exquisite quality throughout. Large garden area 4500 plus square feet. Sunny & spacious. Large family rooms, media rooms. 5+ bedrooms. Close to Montclair Village. ED KUO<br>\$939,000/929,000 | 29 SCHOONER HILL<br>New Hiller Highlands townhouse with Bay & bridge views! 3/3. Tastefully designed w/stone & tiles. ANGELA WEI GRUBB<br>\$367,500          |
| 119 BEECHWOOD DRIVE<br>Constructed by B. Armstrong w/exquisite detailing. Designer kitchen & family room. Landscaped gardens. E. DICKSON<br>\$849,000  | 5301 BROADWAY TERRACE #11<br>Old World charm. Top floor with San Francisco view. Fabulous building. Make an offer. 2 bdms/2 baths. ANIAN TUNNEY<br>\$334,500 |
| 145 AGNES STREET<br>Brand new home in Upper Rockridge w/Bay views & family room off kit. level out to grounds 5/4. KURT BUCHHOLZ<br>\$685,000  | 1121 GENDORA AVENUE<br>Charming duplex. 2 1/1 + 1/1. Both w/private outside spaces. Modern kitchen. Close to trans. & shops. J. O'SHAUGHNESSY<br>\$259,000   |
| 5768 SCARBOROUGH<br>Charming 3/3.5 home situated on 2 landscaped lots. Spacious living rm w/frplce, sep. office & garden patio. LINDA MCCLAIN<br>NEW EXCLUSIVE \$465,000   | 50 RAMONA AVENUE<br>Great location. New kitchen & bath, 2 bdms & bright sunporch. Private rear gmds. Very comfortable. BETTINA BALESTRIERI<br>\$219,000      |
|  | 5405 THOMAS AVENUE<br>A great project - big or small - for a great price. 3/1.5 plus, plus, plus. Hardwood floors & fireplace. MARILYN WATSON<br>\$200,000   |

### BERKELEY

Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.

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| 769 ALVARADO ROAD<br>Charming Mediterranean with view. Move-in condition. 3/2.5 and large family room. Sunny grounds. SUSANNE PAUL<br>NEW PRICE \$449,000 | 773 VINCENTE AVENUE<br>Sunny & private w/formal dining room, kitchen w/breakfast nook & extensive landscaping. 4+ w/2. SHEILA GALLAGHER<br>NEW EXCLUSIVE \$429,000 |
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### PIEDMONT

By Appointment

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| PIEDMONT VILLA<br>SF views. Terraces w/pool & spa. Five bedrooms/five and one-half baths. Separate guest quarters. ANIAN TUNNEY<br>\$2,495,000               | DRACENA PARK<br>Wonderful traditional. Spacious living/formal dining & sunny kitchen/family room. Level out to garden patio. D GRUBB JR.<br>\$629,500 |
| GRACIOUS MEDITERRANEAN<br>Stylish home w/wonderful detailing. Large entertaining rms. Kitchen & dining open to sunny level garden. JEAN SIMMONS<br>\$675,000 | GARDENER'S DELIGHT<br>An abundance of roses & fruit trees fill the garden of this wonderful property. 4/2 & rec room. ELIZABETH DICKSON<br>\$439,000  |

### OAKLAND

By Appointment

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| CLAREMONT PINES<br>Gracious Mediterranean. Exquisite detailing. 4/3 & dramatic living. European style garden & courtyard. JEANETTE ROACH<br>NEW EXCLUSIVE \$1,049,000                               | HIGH ON A KNOLL<br>Pristine Contemporary w/gourmet kitchen level out to garden, living room w/fireplace & deck 5/3. ANGELA WEI GRUBB<br>\$429,000         |
| PIED SIDE OF MONTCLAIR<br>Sophisticated & elegant on nearly 1/2 acre. Fabulous kitchen 4/4.5, patio & garden. Renovated ANGELA WEI GRUBB<br>NEW EXCLUSIVE \$825,000                                 | PRIVATE SETTING<br>Located in Upper Crocker Highlands on cul-de-sac. English home w/3 bdms, au pair or office & garden. SUSAN VEIT<br>REDUCED \$319,000   |
| CLASSIC MEDITERRANEAN<br>Rare find! Gracious & lovely 1929 Claremont Pines 5 bdms/3.5 bath home. Beautiful city and hill views. LINDAE MCCLAIN<br>\$795,000   | SERENE & PRIVATE<br>Spacious home w/good natural light. 4+3/4, family rm, garden & decks. Close to trans. JOSEPHINE O'SHAUGHNESSY<br>\$319,000            |
| BAY VIEW TRADITIONAL<br>New home with 4+ bedrooms/2.5 baths. Gourmet kitchen, family room & hardwood floors. Level garden. JOHN KARNAY<br>\$585,000   | MONTCLAIR NEW EXCLUSIVE<br>Lovely home with 3 spacious bedrooms/2 baths and large, sunny garden. Privacy abounds. A must see! KAREN STARR<br>\$292,000    |
| QUALITY NEW CONSTRUCTION<br>Attractive 4 bdms w/spa, privacy & comfort. Level-in & open floor plan. Formal dining & living mstr ste. Family rm opens to garden. Bay view. SUSANNE PAUL<br>\$549,000 | GREAT PRICE<br>Upper Rockridge traditional at a great price! 3 bdms/2 baths. Lovely brick patio. Convenient location. ELIZABETH DICKSON<br>\$289,000      |
| NEW ENGLAND CAPE COD<br>Immaculate home in Piedmont Pines w/level garden and Bay views 4+3/4, office & family room. SHEILA GALLAGHER<br>REDUCED \$519,000   | VERY COMFORTABLE<br>Charming Montclair Traditional w/level garden entry & expansive decking w/sunny vistas 3/2. DONALD GRUBB JR.<br>\$284,500             |
| PRIVATE SETTING<br>4-year old w/well designed floor plan. Formal dining & living w/vaulted ceiling & frplce. Level out to patio. DEBRA DRYDEN<br>\$459,000  | VICTORIAN TRI-PLEX<br>In excellent condition. Convenient location. 2 one-bedrooms, & 1 studio. Live in one, rent out the others. SUSAN VEIT<br>\$249,000  |
|   | WALK TO PIEDMONT AVENUE<br>Charm, privacy & a level garden. 2 bedrooms, updated kitchen & bath. Garage w/skylight (artist)? KATHERINE COOPER<br>\$226,000 |



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## Events

The Events Calendar does not accept for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley presents **The Bungalow: Tradition and Transformation** Thurs. evening, June 6. The center hosts **A Roofing Primer**, **Cabinet Refacing** and **The Smart Seller with Alice Sells** on Sat. June 8. On Sun., June 9 BEC presents **Faux Finishes: the Art of Decorative Painting and Attic Conversions** On Monday, June 10 BEC presents **Preconstruction: Before You Build or Remodel** Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

Floordesigns, 25 Rhode Island

St., San Francisco, a wholesale floor covering showroom, presents its **Annual Summer Rug Sale**, Sat. and Sun. June 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Located in San Francisco's Showplace Square Design District, Floordesigns features over 100 manufacturers in a 10,000-square-foot showroom. Specializing in area rugs from around the world, Floordesigns also carries a variety of handmade needlepoints. The sale is open to the public. Call (415) 626-1005.

Join the Berkeley Historic Society as it explores the **South Berkeley Cultural Landscape** with tour guide Bill Coburn. Meet at the San Pablo Park Clubhouse, at Park and Oregon Streets, Sat. June 8, for the 10 a.m. to noon tour. Enjoy historic sites and homes from many eras, notably the '20s, when San Pablo

Park became Berkeley's prestige African American neighborhood. The cost is \$5 for Berkeley Historical Society members and \$7 for the general public.

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Village, Embarcadero and Alice Streets, Oakland. Join the artists for a reception on Sun., June 9, from 1 to 5 p.m.

The San Francisco branch of the American Fuchsia Society an-

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## HOMES OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

- 65 VICENTE ROAD, BERKELEY - 4BD/3BA.....\$775,000  
Nearly completed Medit, highest quality, choice location. Bill Weissberg
- 270 SCENIC AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 4BD/2+BA.....\$759,000  
Renovated brown shingle, spectacular bay views, yard. Martha Holistaw
- 1 LA SALLE AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 5+BD/3+BA.....\$699,000  
Level-in, remodeled, great kitchen, private setting. Dee Dee Bonham
- 33 PIEDMONT COURT, PIEDMONT - 4BD/3BA.....\$679,000  
Bright traditional, cook's kit, family rm, master suite w/frpl. Francis Heath
- 6511 LONGWALK DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/3BA.....\$619,000  
Just listed! 8-year old Paul Vincent contemp. SF bay views. Teri Carlisle
- 10 BONITA AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/1+BA.....\$499,000  
Charming craftsman, warm woods, great kit, lovely yard. Joan Daniel
- 159 ST. JAMES DRIVE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/3BA.....\$475,000  
Picturesque setting, formal dining rm, family rm, 2 decks. Sally Morrison
- 5861 MARGARITO DRIVE, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2+BA.....\$469,000  
Adorable Cape Cod, family rm, sep au pair, lg deck, yard. Dee Knowland
- 1635 ARROWHEAD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2+BA.....\$439,000  
Just listed! Dramatic contemp by Martin Davis, tree setting. Kirk Phillips
- 6086 VALLEY VIEW, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$425,000  
6-year old custom home, canyon views, luxurious mst ste. Chuck Corwin
- 838 CALMAR AVE, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 3BD/3BA.....\$424,500  
Reduced! Light-filled, master suite, family room, large yard. Joan Dark
- 6167 VIEWCREST DRIVE, RIDGEMONT - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$374,000  
Reduced! Bright & sunny, wonderful views, level back yard. Robyn Mohr
- 5869 AMY DRIVE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$364,000  
Gracious trad on desirable street, large rumpus, garden. Wendy Gardner
- 1433 BARROWS RD, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 3BD/2BA.....\$339,000  
Lovely English, lg master suite, deck, Japanese garden. Joanna Gould
- 456 FLORENCE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2BA.....\$339,000  
Quiet neighborhood, lovely level-out fenced yard & deck. Brooks Anderson
- 1641 TACOMA AVENUE, BERKELEY - 4BD/2BA.....\$333,000  
A Jewel! Bright & sunny, large level yard, walk to Solano. Ann Nichols
- 4071 OAKMORE ROAD, OAKMORE - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$329,000  
Pristine Tudor, wooded setting, family room, 2 decks, hot tub. Dick Cohen
- 1 LODGE COURT, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/2BA.....\$310,000  
Wooded & private yet close-in, huge master ste, yard. Dee Dee Bonham
- 2200 TIFFIN ROAD, OAKMORE - 3BD/3BA.....\$310,000  
Warm, charming Colonial, rumpus, fam rm, large cook's kit. Dick Cohen
- 33 MELVIN COURT, OAKMORE - 2+BD/2BA.....\$309,000  
Bright contemporary on quiet cul-de-sac, formal dining. Wendy Gardner
- 5697 CABOT DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 2+BD/2BA.....\$299,000  
New listing! Charming colonial, new kitchen, office, deck. Pat Dedekian
- 3909 TURNLEY AVENUE, SEQUOYAH HILLS - 3BD/2BA.....\$275,000  
Cul-de-sac, remodeled kitchen, huge fam rm, decks, hot tub. Tom Wurst
- 4706 EDGEWOOD AVENUE, GLENVIEW - 4BD/1+BA.....\$269,000  
Move-in condition! Hwdw frns, French doors, formal DR. Vicki Woodhead
- 44 SERENO CIRCLE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2+BD/2+BA.....\$259,000  
Remodeled townhouse, fam rm, den, elegant master suite. Dick Cohen
- 4100 MAYBELLE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2BD/1+BA.....\$229,000  
Special bungalow on private 1/4 acre lot, great yard. Vicki Woodhead
- 2556 RAMPART, LINCOLN HEIGHTS - 2BD/1BA.....\$179,000  
Excellent neighborhood! Large corner lot, nice level yard. Helen Dandak
- 6160 MAURITANIA AVENUE, MILLSMONT - 2BD/1BA.....\$159,900  
Spacious & pristine Spanish style, formal DR, back yard. Lee Jacobson
- 2119 DAMUTH STREET, DIMOND - 2BD/2BA.....\$159,000  
Charming brown shingle, frpl, formal DR, large back yard. Kathy Flynn
- 2921 55TH AVENUE, MAXWELL PARK - 2BD/1BA.....\$149,000  
New listing! Immaculate redone bungalow, large back yard. Dick Cohen
- 6548 MOKELUMNE AVENUE, MILLSMONT - 2BD/1BA.....\$135,000  
Cozy cottage, remodeled, flower garden & mature trees. Lee Jacobson

## BY APPOINTMENT

### PIEDMONT

**ALBERT PARK DESIGN - PIEDMONT**.....\$2,450,000  
Beautiful park-like grounds, 5BD/4+BA, chef's kitchen, family room, library, rumpus, elevator to all 3 levels, pool. Joan Daniel

**FABULOUS SETTING - PIEDMONT**.....\$1,950,000  
Designed by William Wurster, this property offers 6BD/4BA, library w/frpl, gorgeous gardens, pool & play area. Sally Morrison

**BEAUTIFULLY PLANNED - PIEDMONT**.....\$1,720,000  
Handsome home, extensive gardens, 5BD + au pair. Cozy library, large family rm, separate rec rm. Sally Morrison/Dee Dee Bonham

**CHARM, ELEGANCE AND PRIVACY**.....\$1,095,000  
Unique and charming on almost 1/2 acre. Beautiful 4BD/2+BA home with guest house, pool and sport court. Georgia Cornell

**HANDSOME TUDOR - PIEDMONT**.....\$1,025,000  
Beautifully upgraded home with an ideal floor plan for family living. 5BD/3+BA, play room, level yard. Georgia Cornell

**SUN FILLED AND SERENE**.....\$995,000  
Stunning 4BD/3+BA contemporary on double lot with pano SF Bay views and exquisite gardens. Patty Scott/Georgia Cornell

**UNSURPASSED CHARM - PIEDMONT**.....\$849,000  
Authentic English Tudor with leaded glass windows, hwdw floors throughout, 3BD/2+BA, 3 fireplaces, many extras. Sally Morrison

**GRACIOUS PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL**.....\$789,900  
Lovely light-filled home surrounded by beautiful English gardens. 5BD/3BA, au pair, play room, wonderful details. Sandi Klemmer

**CLASSIC BROWN SHINGLE**.....\$759,000  
Spectacular SF bay view! 4BD/2+BA, cook's kitchen, family rm with fireplace, private well landscaped yard. Martha Holistaw

**UPDATED TRADITIONAL**.....\$498,000  
Charming & elegant. 3BD/1+BA, remodeled kitchen/family room leads to sunny back yard, 2 doors from park. Debi Fitzgerald

**PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN**.....\$419,000  
3+BD/2BA home within walking distance to schools, parks and transportation. Level-out to sunny yard. Georgia Cornell

**GREAT LOCATION - PIEDMONT**.....\$415,000  
Wonderful traditional conveniently located. 4BD/3BA, upgraded kit/family rm opens to deck, au pair w/sep entrance. Ann Nichols

### OAKLAND / BERKELEY

**PRESTIGIOUS CLAREMONT PINES**.....\$1,129,000  
Elegant new custom home. 4BD/3+BA, fabulous kitchen, family room, formal dining, pool/spa, 3-car gar. Dee Knowland

**EXCITING CLASSIC CONTEMPORARY**.....\$850,000  
Located just above the Claremont Resort. Stunning new const, pano views, 3 bedroom suites, landscaped courtyard. Patty Scott

**PANORAMIC VIEWS - CLAREMONT HILLS**.....\$639,000  
New construction on large choice lot. 4BD/3+BA, French doors to 500 sq ft wraparound porch, entertainment room. Dee Knowland

**EXQUISITE CONTEMPORARY**.....\$579,000  
Private garden setting with bay views. Dramatic entry. 4BD/3+BA, formal DR, gorgeous kit/family rm, many extras. Wendy Gardner

**A MONTCLAIR BEAUTY!**.....\$459,000  
Great location! 3BD/3BA, au pair, hill views, gorgeous landscaping, back patio with spa, tons of storage. Dee Knowland

**BRIGHT TRADITIONAL**.....\$329,000  
Crocker Highlands! Warm and charming with redone kitchen, gleaming hwdw frs, 3BD/2BA, frpl, decks, 2-car gar. Dick Cohen

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS DELIGHT**.....\$299,500  
This stylish well maintained trad features 4BD/2BA, sep DR w/built-ins, updated kitchen, hwdw frs, back yard. Dee Knowland

**COUNTRY IN THE CITY**.....\$299,000  
Great separation of space! 3BD/2BA including master suite, updated kitchen, stunning LR, frpl, huge back yard. Kathy Flynn

**GREAT ROCKRIDGE LOCATION**.....\$299,000  
Sunny 3BD/1BA home with separate 1BD/1BA unit. Remodeled eat-in kitchen, frml DR, level fenced back yard. Wendy Gardner

**JUST LISTED - MONTCLAIR**.....\$289,000  
Private setting yet close-in location w/canyon outlook, 3BD/2BA, decks for outdoor living, move-in condition. Wendy Gardner

**ALL LEVEL - PARKRIDGE ESTATES**.....\$270,000  
This immaculate, one level home features 3BD/2BA, separate dining room, family room off kitchen, hwdw floors. Nancy Chew

**SPACIOUS CRAFTSMAN**.....\$269,000  
Charming 2BD/1+BA classical Wood details, built-ins, stained glass accents, frpl, sunny deck and yard, bsmt. Donna Costella

**LUXURY CONDOMINIUM**.....\$179,000  
Spacious unit in well maint. bldg, conveniently located. 2BD/2BA, LR with wet bar & frpl, dining room, 2 decks. Sandi Klemmer

**ADORABLE REMODELED BUNGALOW**.....\$174,500  
...in wonderful neighborhood. 2BD/2BA including master suite, gorgeous kitchen, hwdw floors, French doors. Vicki Woodhead

**PRISTINE BUNGALOW**.....\$169,000  
Beautifully maintained, situated high up off the street for quiet and privacy. 3BD/1BA, hwdw floors, garage. Vicki Woodhead

**LAUREL DISTRICT TOWNHOME**.....\$155,000  
Spacious & sunny in 4-unit complex. 1,300 sq. ft. 2BD/1+BA, separate front entrance, frpl, in-unit laundry, garage. Nancy Chew

### OAKLAND RESIDENTIAL INCOME

**ONE OF A KIND**.....\$725,000  
Unique investment opportunity. 5 units with lake views. Beautiful 3,000 sq ft owner's unit, fireplaces, enclosed parking. Dick Cohen

**UPPER LAKESHORE**.....\$439,000  
Six units, walk to transportation and shopping, close to downtown, low maintenance, gross income \$50K plus. Francis Heath

**CHINA HILL**.....\$290,000  
Ivy Drive area. Five units, all 2BD/1BA. Easy to rent, lots of recent work, gross income \$35K plus. Francis Heath

**PIEDMONT AVENUE AREA**.....\$259,000  
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**PILL HILL AREA**.....\$229,000  
Close to Pill Hill and downtown. Four units, spacious, lots of off-street parking, gross income approx. \$32K. Francis Heath

**LOWER ROCKRIDGE**.....\$210,000  
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2BR, 1BA, approx. 884 square feet, new interior paint, garage, low maintenance yard. #W36146 Pat Prendiville 510-758-0314

**COZY STARTER**.....\$147,777  
3BR, 1BA, over 1,000 sq ft, hardwood floors, huge level backyard, garage, clear termite report. #W37385 John Anderson 510-237-8842

**OLD WORLD CHARM**.....\$182,500  
3BR, 1BA almost 1300 sq ft, move-in condition, new paint, 1 car attached garage, hardwood, central heat. #W36592 John Anderson 510-237-8842

**PANORAMIC BAY VIEW**.....\$398,000  
4BR, 4BA, almost 3000 sq ft, 2-car garage, huge rec room and den, move-in condition. #W36278 Janelle Chiu 510-222-8888

**NEWLY REMODELED CONTEMPORARY**.....\$625,000  
Approx. 4000 sq. ft., spectacular panoramic bay views!!! 4BR, 3.5BA, family room, tile roof, fabulous gourmet kitchen, earthquake retrofit. #W35522 Carolyn Dopp 510-223-6700

**QUALITY CUSTOM HOME / BAY VIEWS**.....\$725,000  
Almost 1/2 ac w/level back yard! 3BR, 3BA, frml dining, in-law set-up, 2-car gar, family rm, over 3000 sq ft. #W36437 Janelle Chiu 510-222-8888

### ALBANY

**BAY VIEW / REMODEL**.....\$379,950  
3BR, 2 tiled BA, over 1850 sq ft, den, elegant living room, formal dining, brkfst rm, garage, park-like yard. #W36746 Carolyn Dopp 510-223-6700

**ONE OF A KIND PANORAMIC VIEWS!!!**.....\$595,000  
7BR, 5BA on 1/3 acre!!! 3-car garage, 2 fireplaces, formal dining, family room, very private setting. #W37061 Janelle Chiu 510-222-8888

### BERKELEY

**CUTE COTTAGE**.....\$145,000  
2BR, 1BA, bring all offers!! Fireplace, big kitchen, garage, Cape Cod style. #W36225 Frances Gold 510-222-9772 ext. 226

**CUSTOM HOME ON LEVEL LOT/PANORAMIC VIEW**.....\$619,000  
4BR, 2.5BA, appx. 3300 sq ft, lot 8500+ sq ft, hwdw frs, marble tile, granite counters, high in the Berk. hills. #W36527 Geri Stern 510-234-7808

### RICHMOND ANNEX and VIEW

**CUSTOM BAY VIEW HOME (ANNEX)**.....\$219,000  
3BR with 3 rental units below, large landscaped lot, needs cosmetics. #W37337 Cynthia Burke 800-262-0949

**CLASSIC STYLE / LOADS OF CHARACTER (VIEW)**.....\$195,000  
2BR, 2BA, formal dining, 2 car att. gar, large lot, bay view, Spanish Med. style, newer roof, new paint, basement. #W37486 Dave K. 510-758-2323



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## Events...

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Lincoln Way, San Francisco.  
celebrate the society's 54th  
year with a pollock dinner.

bringing a covered dish to share  
with plates and utensils. Scott

Massey will present "Small Flower  
Gardens in San Francisco." Call  
Joan Esperance (415) 566-4797 for  
more information.

The Bay Area Chapter of the  
National Association of the Remod-  
eling Industry, will hold its June 12

meeting at a special location: the  
Berkeley Design Center, 3195  
Adeline St. in Berkeley. Call (415)  
255-6463 for more information.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the  
American Society of Home Inspect-  
ors, Inc. (ASHI) holds its monthly  
meeting 7 p.m., Thurs., June 13 at  
Hs Lordship's Restaurant at the  
Berkeley Marina. Gary Ball from  
Rhino Rooter will present Inspect-  
ing for Sewer Problems. The \$35

cost includes dinner. For informa-  
tion or to make reservations call  
Dermot O'Kelly 549-9335.

The Thorsen/Sigma Phi House,  
2307 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley  
presents **The Last of the Ultimate  
Bungalows: the William R.  
Thorsen House of Greene and  
Greene**, a nine-week exhibition of  
architecture and furnishings de-  
signed by the renowned turn-of-

the-century California architects  
Charles Sumner Greene and Henry  
Mather Greene, the exhibition will  
run from Fri. June 14 to Sun. Aug.  
18. Call (800) 342-5552 to order  
tickets or a brochure.

The nonprofit Building Educa-  
tion Center (BEC), 812 Page St.,  
Berkeley presents the first of two  
free lectures: **The Pros and Cons  
of Building An Addition**, by au-  
thor Skip Wenz, Sat. June 15, 10  
a.m. to noon. The second free lec-  
ture, **What You Need to Know  
Before You Rebuild or Remodel**  
is scheduled is scheduled for Sat.  
June 22. Come and get acquainted  
with the BEC and see if its classes  
can help you with your dream home.  
Call 525-7610 for more informa-  
tion.

The Piedmont Adult School pre-  
sents Mark Wilson's popular His-

toric Architecture of the East Bay,  
a six week tour of the architectural  
highlights of cities from Fremont to  
Benicia and of styles from Spanish  
Mission to Modern. This 7 p.m.  
Wednesday evening class will be-  
gin June 19. Wilson also teaches  
**Historic Cities of Europe and the  
Middle East**, 7 p.m. Thursday eve-  
nings beginning June 20 Call the  
Piedmont Adult School, 420-3655  
to register.

Catherine Teegarden of RAF  
Mortgage presents a free seminar,  
**How to Make Money Using the  
FHA 203K Purchase/Rehab Loan**  
at 7 p.m., Thurs., June 27, at First  
American Title Co. 1544 Webster  
Street, Oakland. Owner-occupants  
can buy finished properties for no  
money down. Non-profits (churches  
or other) can buy and fix up prop-  
erties for the community that they

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## Classified: 339-8777

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## RESIDENTIAL REALTORS

## BERKELEY

- ITALIAN VILLA**.....**NEW PRICE!**.....\$825,000  
grand proportions. Library, pool, 5+BR/5+BR. Faye Keogh ext. 126
- ARCHITECTURAL BEAUTY**.....\$699,000  
Romantic home, quiet serene setting. A real find! 3+/-/3. F. Keogh ext. 126
- TH. THOMAS BEAUTY**.....**NEW PRICE!**.....\$519,000  
Romantic inglenook, clearheart Redwood detailing in LR & DR.  
4+BR, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, fam rm, study, teenage attic!  
Landscaped garden w/ hot tub & unique play structure by Barbara  
Butler. Close to shops, UC & Claremont spa. Susie Schevill ext. 144
- SPECTACULAR VIEW**.....\$499,000  
Priced reduced! 4BR/4BA, versatile floor plan with in-law.  
Impeccably maintained. Leslie Avant ext. 122
- ELEGANT & SOPHISTICATED CONTEMPORARY**.....\$499,000  
4+BR, 2.5BA in private setting. Spectacular views. N. Noman ext. 124
- 111 PANORAMIC WAY**.....\$429,000  
Unique solar contemporary on a secluded hill site: fine materials &  
advanced technology. 2 bedrooms, 2 studies, 2.5 baths, views SE,  
Oakland, the Bay, and the Campus. Paul Templeton ext 131
- 1402 GLENDALE AVENUE**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**.....\$399,000  
Level entry to a splendid 3BR/2BA home and to a separate studio  
with full bath! Move-in condition! Bebe McRae ext. 145
- NORTH BERKELEY HILLS**.....\$389,000  
Exquisite redwood & glass, panoramic views, original architect plans,  
3BR/2BA. Bebe McRae ext. 145
- 107 SPRUCE STREET**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**.....\$349,000  
Gracious living room and formal dining room! Kitchen with cherry  
cabinets & granite countertops, yard with fruit trees. New baths!  
3BR/2.5BA. Views! Bebe McRae ext. 145
- UPPER THOUSAND OAKS**.....\$335,000  
Very special architect-designed, one-level home. 3/1. Updated kitchen,  
private entry courtyard, hwd floors, arches! Bebe McRae ext. 145
- ELEGANT TRADITIONAL**.....\$319,000  
Special 2+1 Thousand Oaks, spec bay view, sep office. L. Avant ext. 122
- HENRY COURT TOWNHOUSE**.....\$315,000  
Master bedroom suites, 2 attic studies, patio garden,  
fireplace, move-in condition. Marlene Leverette ext. 121
- 1005 FULTON STREET: HOME AND INCOME**.....\$269,000  
3BR home and studio cottage. Marlene Leverette ext. 121
- CHARMING NORTH BERKELEY BUNGALOW**.....\$260,000  
Sun-filled 3BR, 2BA on quiet street. Large garden and patio.  
Great home office or au pair. Nancy Lee Noman ext. 124
- ARTISTIC RETREAT**.....\$235,000  
Lovely 4/2, very spacious. Move-in condition. A. Van Dyke ext. 142
- 1333 CALIFORNIA STREET**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**.....\$229,000  
Near Hopkins Street markets. Lovely bungalow, 2/1, remodeled bath,  
large kitchen, sunny garden. Ron Eggherman ext. 127
- 1626 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**.....\$219,000  
Charming 2BD, 1BA Craftsman w/ original wood details, deep yard  
with deck. Walk to Gourmet Ghetto. Nancy Lee Noman ext. 124
- SOPHISTICATED TOWNHOME**.....\$189,500  
4/1 Light & bright, move-in cond, convenient loc. Leslie Avant ext. 122
- 1908 BLAKE STREET**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**.....\$169,000  
Sunny & bright 2BD/2BA, garage, patio/yard, many amenities.  
Close to shops. Susie Schevill ext 144
- 1222 HILLEGASS AVENUE #D**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**.....\$118,500  
11 condo, close to U.C. & College Ave shops. Trish McEneaney ext 125

## OAKLAND

- 1038 COCHRANE AVENUE**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**.....\$765,000  
Upper Rockridge landmark on beautifully landscaped site with  
views and extra studio. Gini Erck ext. 133
- ROCKY HIGHLANDS CASTLE**.....\$599,000  
Lovingly restored and enhanced. Exciting cook's kitchen-family room;  
lovely private garden. 3+BD, 3BA. Gini Erck ext. 133
- 1040 OCEAN VIEW DRIVE**.....\$445,000  
Wonderful 2700 sq ft. Upper Rockridge 3/2+, Medit. Jan Fougner ext. 138
- 145 CROSS ROAD**.....\$429,000  
New 4/3, Mediterranean in Upper Rockridge. Jan Fougner ext. 138
- 1401 OAK GROVE AVENUE**.....\$379,000  
1/25 beautifully remodeled Rockridge Craftsman. Jan Fougner ext. 138
- 1008 PLEASANT VALLEY COURT, SOUTH**.....\$265,000  
Sunny, 3/1 bungalow with level out yard. Jan Fougner ext 138.
- LOWER HADDON HILL**.....\$239,000  
Warm and friendly 3 bedroom home with new kitchen, huge  
basement, & lovely terraced garden. Gini Erck ext 133
- 1447 E. 38TH STREET**.....\$220,000  
Sweet, updated 2+1 Glenview bungalow. Jan Fougner ext. 138
- 147 THE NORTHERN LIGHT INSURE YOU!**.....\$149,000  
Live/work space in residential neighborhood. Leslie Easterday ext. 134
- 1400RABLE, SUNNY & BRIGHT**.....\$148,000  
1818 Cerrito Avenue, near Piedmont Avenue. Leslie Easterday ext. 134
- ROCKRIDGE CONDOMINIUM**.....\$107,500  
Top floor, south-facing 2/1. Spa, pool & gym. Jan Fougner ext. 138

## ALBANY

- 1496 SONOMA AVENUE**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**.....\$239,000  
Inviting garden, move-in cond. Good Albany schools. Leslie A. ext. 122

## EL CERRITO

- NEW PRICE!**.....\$315,000  
Elegant Mediterranean in best area! Large gardens, bay views,  
new kitchen, 3BD, 3BA. Bebe McRae ext. 145

## LOTS

- 145 FAYETTE DOUBLE LOT**.....\$220,000  
1.5 acres in prime area, approved for 2 lots! Soils, survey, subdivision  
plan. Swimming pool and bath house. Bebe McRae ext. 145
- THE NORTH BERKELEY BUILDING SITE**.....\$136,400

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### 531-7000

## OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30 P.M.

- 280 EUCLID**. Exquisite duplex with original charm. Box beams, leaded glass, .....\$379,000  
tile baths, 3 1/2 up and 2 1/5 down. Can be used as SFR. Donna Conroy
- 6016 CHELTON**. Dramatic contemp. Total privacy. Gorgeous setting. 2 story .....\$335,000  
LR, new kitchen. Bring your decorating ideas. 3BD/2BA. Noll Davis
- 4152 BALFOUR**. Elegant Prairie traditional. Spacious living room and dining room .....\$307,000  
perfect for entertaining. Two bndge view, level yard. Stan Hammond.
- 4117 COOLIDGE**. Move in & enjoy! 3BD, 1.5BA, new kitchen, yard, .....\$289,000  
hwd floors, 2 car garage. Superior condition. Don Dunning
- 1890 CLEMENS**. A must see! Lovely Tudor home in excellent condition. 2BD+den, .....\$289,000  
gracious living room with bay view, formal dining, new kitchen. Katie Meadow
- 4107 OAKMORE**. Oakmore Tudor, 3/2 + hobby room. Charming living room .....\$279,000  
with high ceilings, corner fireplace. Fixer with upside potential. Wendy Callaghan
- 1558 HOLMAN**. New listing! Crocker Highlands bungalow, 2BD/1BA & .....\$251,500  
extra room perfect for office. New kitchen, pretty yard. Carolyn Craig
- 4617 SCOTIA**. New listing! Shows like a model home. Super condition! 3/2.5, .....\$239,500  
family room, new kitchen, new roof, pretty yard. Donna Conroy
- 3924 ROBLEY TERRACE**. Off Piedmont Ave, reduced \$30K. 2+BD, view, 2 car .....\$209,500  
garage, private yard, large basement-studio/live-work potential. Frank Hennefer
- 3869 RHODA**. Reduced! Move right in this cute 2BD/1BA home. .....\$160,000  
Lovely yard, garage. Very motivated sellers. Jaya Bhimani
- 3401 MADERA**. Sunny 2BD in Maxwell Park. Deck off living room with .....\$145,000  
bay view, updated kitchen, large yard, attached garage. Kate Phillips

## SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT

- PRICE REDUCED!** A lot of home for the money! Oriental motif w/great master .....\$385,000  
bedroom. 5BD, 2BA plus 1BD, 1BA in-law. Call to see this! Donna Conroy 531-7000
- GREAT FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD**. New kitchen! Gleaming hardwood floors, .....\$279,000  
FDR, fireplace. Motivated seller. Michael and Judy 531-7000
- STORYBOOK ENGLISH** in Trestle Glen. 2BD, 1BA and very pretty yard. .....\$264,500  
Wendy Callaghan 839-9197
- ATTENTION CONTRACTORS**. 2 houses on 1 lot in top Oakmore location. Deep .....\$250,000  
private lot with bay view. Best for hammer-in-hand type. Don Dunning 482-2256
- SPACIOUS RANCHER** with bay view on quiet cul-de-sac. Large lot. 4BD, 3BA .....\$249,000  
large kitchen, 2 car garage, privacy. Needs cosmetic work. Jaya Bhimani 482-0860
- NEW LISTING!** 4-plex close to downtown & 580. Cute units. Hwd floors, .....\$239,950  
built-ins, laundry, \$25K income. Donna Conroy 531-7000 ext. 236
- VICTORIAN CRAFTSMAN**. Carefully renovated. 4+BD/2.5BA, 2000+ sq ft, new .....\$229,500  
gourmet kit, Italian granite, tile & hwd. 3 car gar, new paint & elec. Frank Hennefer 654-6461
- 7BD HOME, 4350 SQ FT**. Enormous corner lot has potential for group/hursing .....\$215,000  
home etc. Must see to believe. Call for details. Cheryl Gabriel 531-7000
- SUNNY TURN OF THE CENTURY COTTAGE**. Clean, renovated 2+1 near .....\$214,000  
Haley Commons. Walk to BART, College Ave. shops & U.C. Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780
- SPACIOUS 2 STORY TOWNHOME!** 2/23.5, LR with laundry in unit, 2 master .....\$179,000  
suites, private yard, security entrance, low association fee. Frank Hennefer 654-6461
- LIVE-WORK OPPORTUNITY**. 2BD unit over comm'l space. Neighborhood .....\$146,000  
setting. Corner locale, workshop & del'd artist studio. Frank Hennefer 654-6461
- WHAT A VIEW!** 2BD/1BA, formal DR & full basement. Original wood .....\$141,900  
detail. Hwd floors. Great location. Needs cosmetics. Cheryl Gabriel 531-7000
- MAXWELL PARK 3/2**. Painted in and out. New carpet & inoleum, spacious LR .....\$135,500  
with open beam ceilings. Seller may consider lease/option. Cheryl Gabriel
- ORIGINAL 1930'S CHARM**. Wood floors, formal dining room, fireplace, .....\$129,000  
green house window, breakfast room, indoor laundry, 2/1. Susie Lipps 482-8602
- COMPLETE REHAB, 1995**. 4/2 Victorian, hwd flrs, double parlor, .....\$125,000  
big Victorian for big family. Cheryl Gabriel 531-7000
- RESTORATION PROJECT**. Early 1900's Queen Anne Victorian. Needs work, .....\$110,000  
lots of potential. 5 1/2+ parlor, living rm, huge basement large lot. Frank Hennefer 654-6461
- GREAT OPPORTUNITY!** Two bedrooms for investor or first time buyer, move-in .....\$89,000  
condition, remodeled bath, rooms, in basement could be developed. Kate Phillips 436-4100
- BEST PRICE & LOCATION**. 1BD condo in small building. New cpt, vinyl and paint .....\$59,000  
Seller will pre-pay H.O. dues for one year. Cheaper than rent. Chris Christensen 531-7000

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# BAHA...

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terior restoration of the Granada Building at Sather Gate, involved considerable time and expense. The restoration includes a Spanish tile roof, parapets and cornucopia-style ornamentation. "Without the support of BAHa it would never have happened," said Edward Munger.

The extraordinary measures taken to retrofit a home at 1500 LeRoy Avenue won its owners, the Polsbys, Architect Burks Toma and Engineers SOH & Associates an award for Seismic Preservation.

Specially designed interior bolts were used in the retrofit. "BAHA wishes to encourage inventive approaches to seismic retrofit such as this one which are both safe and do not destroy the

architectural integrity of the home," said Weingraf.

A condominium on Henry Street won an award for Outstanding Residential Construction. The recipients were Kirk Peterson & Associates, Architects, and Developers Howard Schindler, Alan Fitterman and Saul Gevertz.

The work done to restore Berkeley Creek earned Designer Gary Mason, Project Manager Lisa Caronna and Carole Schemmerling of the Urban Creeks Council (UCC) the award for Outstanding Landscape Design. The project was a collaborative effort between the neighborhood, the school district, the city and UCC.

Kudos were extended to Berkeley Unified School District and the efforts it made to renovate the "G" building. The district received an award along with VBN architects and Bob Rudimentkin for

Outstanding Rehabilitation and Renovation. The attention to detail so evident in the project was truly exceptional.

House and House Architects were the proud recipients of the award for Adaptive Reuse. The renovation turned a "funky men's bathroom," located in Strawberry Canyon behind the stadium, into offices for the rugby team.

The co-recipients of the honor were Landscape Architects Lefingwell and Associates, Structural Engineer Dominic Chu and Contractors Cal-Custom Construction.

"It is encouraging to see so many people at work, diligently restoring and updating the architecture that makes Berkeley unique," said BAHa President Michael Muscardini.

Aidan Harty is a free-lance writer who lives in Oakland.

# Know the tricks of the lender's trade

By H. W. Moss

Most real estate licensees do not act as loan brokers but it is legal to do so in California, according to the Department of Real Estate. Although it could be a conflict of interest, in spite of the conflict, if the two employers, the real estate broker and the commercial lender agree, it can be done. Of course, compensation from all sources must be disclosed.

The idea was bandied around in the real estate industry a year or two ago but seems to have lost steam. Generally, lenders do not like the idea because it exposes them to liability in many areas, especially one known as "steering." That would occur if a licensee, intentionally or not, directed a borrower to a specific lender.

Not to mention dishonest dealing which might arise if a licensee failed to find the best loan for their client. The reason real estate brokerages were considering taking on this additional task is obvious.

There is a lot of money to be made. Loan origination commissions and fees often amount to at least 1 percent of the total loan and there are a number of ways loan

officers in banks and loan brokerage firms can make even more than that.

Few people realize that mortgage lenders often work on a sliding scale. They are quoted wholesale prices from a rate sheet and if they can induce a borrower to take a loan slightly above the minimum in either points or yield, they receive extra compensation in the form of a rebate or a yield spread premium paid outside the closing.

Loan officers inside a bank make extra money in similar manner by creating an "overage." An overage refers to in-house (inside a bank) extra money paid to a loan officer above what which the lender earns. Few people outside the bank's loan department know about overages.

"I must say I was rather surprised to learn about it," said Sandy Ross, special litigation counsel with the Department of Justice in Washington, DC.

There are a number of different ways overages can occur. The most common is when a bank gives the loan officer authority to quote a price above the daily price sheet minimum and some percentage goes to the loan officer who obtains that

higher rate.

"Overages became the industry about two years ago," said James Mahoney, president of Fleet Finance in Boston. Fleet Finance is a subsidiary of Fleet Bank. "What sort of surprise is that people did mortgages involving the point of sale and then (the borrowers) are charged some flexibility in ing."

There are legitimate reasons to allow overages, according to Mahoney. National companies are used to adjust particular market for commissions," he said.

"Overages are an interest rate or an income that vary from the sheet a company circulates loan officers on any given day."

Also in the mortgage world there is a thing called spread premium. It appears papers in a category called Paid Outside Commission.

Many wholesale lenders

See TRICKS

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Guest speaker Brant Powner, Leisure Time Chemical, Western Area Sales Manager will discuss

the basics of spa maintenance and methods to properly "chemical" your spa.

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# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES



## OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

330 PERSHING DR, Montclair 4+bd/4+ba, 1st ever open! 1/2 acre \$1,450,000  
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

73 BEECHWOOD, Luxury New England shingle, quality, 5/5++ \$1,075,000  
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer/George Karsant 339-1174

12600 SKYLINE BL, Hillcrest Estates 5+bd, pool, spa, garden \$999,000  
The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankian 339-0400

6111 MAZUELA DR, Montclair Estates, 5+bd, pano vw, quality, gdn \$939,000  
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

6101 MAZUELA DR, Montclair Estates new 5+bd, bay view, 4500 sf \$929,000  
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

100 BEECHWOOD, Claremont Pines, just listed, 4bd/4ba \$895,000  
Coldwell Banker, Jim Duffy 339-1174

119 BEECHWOOD DR, Claremont Pines colonial, Indscpd gardens \$849,000  
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

5038 COCHRANE AVE, Upr Rockridge landmark, 5bd/3ba w/studio \$765,000  
Templeton Company, Gini ERock 652-2133 X133

6414 SWAINLAND RD, Montclair 4+bd/3b, a value! custom, bay vw \$747,500  
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

6122 ACACIA, Claremont Pines 4+bd/3+ba, just listed! new/charm \$719,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Mary Hanna 428-0900

22 SHERIDAN, Upr Rockridge 4+bd/3+ba w/SF and bay views \$699,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, David Ichikawa 547-8978

145 AGNES ST, Upr Rockridge, bay views, family rm, 5bd/4ba \$685,000  
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

6511 LONGWALK DR, Montclair 3bd/3ba just listed! SF bay views \$619,000  
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

7251 SKYLINE, Montclair views, private, 5bd/4+ba, aupair or office \$599,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ken McDonald 339-1174

14 CLIPPER HILL, Prime location, lg view home, 4/3, FDR \$569,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

5055 DUBLIN AVE, 5bd/4ba, includes au-pair \$560,000  
Better Homes, Dawn Ellis 339-4000

5958 ALMADEN LANE, 4+bd/3+ba, ultimate privacy \$469,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Vicki Landes 869-4225

5861 MARGARIDO DR, Rockridge 3bd/2+ba Cape Cod, au-pair, deck \$469,000  
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460

5768 SCARBOROUGH, Piedmont Pines charming 3bd/3+ba, 2 lots \$465,000  
The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400

1054 SUNNYHILLS RD, Crocker Highlands, 3bd/2+ba, garden \$459,000  
The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400

5850 PINEWOOD, 4bd/2+ba on large lot, quiet neighborhood \$449,000  
Gallagher & Lindsey, Debbie 748-1806

1080 HUBERT RD, Elegant/dramatic 3+bd/2+ba Crocker Highlands \$449,000  
Coldwell Banker, Stacy Winnett 339-1174

6905 EXETER DR, Piedmont Pines, 4+bd/3+ba, new open! custom \$439,500  
Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667

1263 TREBLE GLEN RD, Stunning 4+bd/2+ba, creekside dbl lot \$439,000  
Coldwell Banker, Adrienne Broche 339-1174

6221 ASCOT DR, New listing! 4bd/4ba \$439,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Pamela Comfort 869-4213

1635 ARROWHEAD DR, Montclair 4bd/2+ba just listed! tree setting \$439,000  
Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460

4326 VIEWCREST CT, Ridgmont 5bd/3b, fab bay view! cul-de-sac \$438,900  
Mason-McDuffie, Margaret Wade 428-0900

5259 HARBOR DR, OWNER WILL CARRY 1st T.D., 5/3+ trad w/ \$435,000  
grt vws + au-pair/rental, Coldwell Banker, Jerilyn 748-2021 SUN 1:30-4:30

6086 VALLEY VIEW, Montclair 4bd/3ba custom home, canyon views \$425,000  
Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460

838 CALMAR AVE, Crocker Highlands 3/3, reduced! mstr suite, lg yd \$424,500  
Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460

5917 MARGARIDO, Rockridge 3bd/2+ba, prime location, grt trad'l \$419,000  
Better Homes, Vickie Chan 339-8400

724 LONGRIDGE RD, Crocker Highlands 3bd/2+ba colonial \$409,500  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mavis Delacroix 658-6332

12 MARLIN COVE, Hiller, 2 levels, large deck, 2bd/2+ba \$405,000  
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

6611 LIGGETT, Montclair 4bd/2+ba, quality for lg assumable loan \$399,000  
Better Homes, Sherry Benninger 339-1174

4256 RIDGEMONT CT, Spacious 4bd/3ba, front courtyard, landscaped \$389,000  
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174

280 EUCLID, Delightful duplex, great details, 3/3 & 2 1/2, huge lot \$379,000  
Wells & Bennett, Donna Conroy 531-7000

6167 VIEWCREST DR, Ridgmont 3+bd/2+ba, wonderful views, yd \$374,000  
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

5869 AMY DR, Upr Rockridge 3+bd/2+ba, large rumpus, garden \$364,000  
Pacific Union, Patty Scott 339-6460

5565 MASONIC AVE, Upr Rockridge lg 5bd/3ba, rumpus, huge yd \$359,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehnkind 653-8092

2919 BURDECK DR, Joaquin Miller new listing! 4bd/3ba \$359,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Hernan Luna 839-8730

29 SCHOONER HILL, Hiller 3bd/3ba townhouse, bay/bridge views \$357,500  
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wel Grubb 339-0400

5022 CRYSTAL RIDGE, Ridgmont, spacious, FDR, landscaped \$349,000  
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174

1362 BARROWS, Crocker Highlands 4bd/2+ba, rumpus, 2-car gar, yd \$349,000  
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehnkind 653-8092

456 FLORENCE, Upr Rockridge 3bd/2ba, quiet nighbrhd, fenced yd \$339,000  
Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460

1433 BARROWS RD, Crocker 3bd/2ba, lg mstr, Japanese garden \$339,000  
Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460

6016 CHELTON, Total privacy, 2-sotry dramatic 3/2, new kitchen \$335,000  
Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000

5301 BROADWAY TR #11, Old World Charm! 2/2 top floor, fab bldg \$334,500  
The GRUBB Company, Anjan Tunney 339-0400

6294 BULLARD DR, Montclair 2+2/2 country cottage, charm, lg lot \$334,000  
Mason-McDuffie, Jennifer Jones 428-0900

4071 OAKMORE RD, Oakmore 3+bd/2+ba pristine Tudor, 2 decks \$329,000  
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

1014 WINSOR, Lakeshore district, 4/2+1, aupair, 2 garages \$329,000  
Better Homes, Jeff Hilgert 893-7545

6401 ZINN, Montclair, 1st open! 4bd/3+ba, solarium, spa \$325,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Margie Wright 869-4251

6850 GUNN DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba w/in-law, EZ access, parking \$325,000  
Mason-McDuffie 634-2010, Ringo 287-5849

4223 REINHARDT DR, Redwood Hts 4+3+, custom, cul-de-sac \$325,000  
Better Homes, Rosemary Greene 339-4000

500 ELYSIAN FIELDS, 3bd/2ba, your 1st 4 mo. mtg paid by sellers \$325,000  
Better Homes, Hal Marcus 339-4000

2525 ALIDA, Lincoln Hts 5bd/4ba, lg family rm, 2 frpls, deck, in-law potential. National RE Service, Charles Rivers 482-2380

6848 RIDGEWOOD, Montclair 4bd/2ba w/spacious courtyard, lg home \$319,000  
Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400

1911 MANZANITA, Montclair 3bd/2ba w/great views! frpl, reduced \$318,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Howard Converse 869-4212

2033 ARROWHEAD DR, Montclair 4bd/2+ba, lots of sq ft, bonus rm \$315,000  
Richardson R.E. Services 569-3499, Georgia Richardson

4071 LYMAN RD, Oakmore 3bd/1+1/2ba striking country English \$315,000  
Better Homes, Julie Renaldi 339-8400

2200 TIFFIN RD, Oakmore 3bd/3ba, rumpus, fam rm, cook's kitchen \$310,000  
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

1 LODGE CT, Montclair 2bd/2ba, huge master suite, yard \$310,000  
Pacific Union, Dee Dee Bonham 339-6460

33 MELVIN CT, Oakmore 2+bd/2ba contemp, quiet cul-de-sac \$309,000  
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

5862 CHABOT CT, Rockridge 3bd/1ba, \$5000 credit to buyer \$309,000  
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 339-4000

4152 BALFOUR, elegant prairie traditional, 3/1, bridge vw, level yd \$307,000  
Wells & Bennett, Stan & Sharon Hammond 531-7000 SATURDAY 1-4

5552 ESTATES, Rockridge 3bd/1+1/2ba, bright/sunny, grt yd with view \$299,000  
Better Homes, Suzanne Linford 339-4000

5697 CABOT DR, Montclair 2+bd/2ba new listing! new kit, deck \$299,000  
Pacific Union, Pat Dedekian 339-6460

1890 CLEMENS, Must see! lovely 2bd + den tudor, FDR, nw kitchen \$289,000  
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000

4117 COOLIDGE, Move in and enjoy! 3/1+1, new kitchen, hwdws \$289,000  
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 531-7000

6155 BROOKSIDE, Upr Rockridge 3bd/2ba craftsman w/rental unit \$289,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

2634 CHARLESTON ST, Lincoln Hts 3bd/2ba custom, pano views \$287,000  
Better Homes, Rachel Bailor 530-3860

9018 SKYLINE BLVD, Montclair 3bd/2ba, sunny, private, view \$284,500  
Better Homes, Anida Weyl 841-0727

4501 HARBOR DR, Rockridge, sharp 3bd, plus rm/ideal office \$280,000  
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174

5814 SNAKE RD, Montclair prime location! 2+bd/2+ba, walk shops \$279,000  
Coldwell Banker, Dell Orr 339-1174

4107 OAKMORE, 3/2 + hobby rm, corner frpl, fixer w/potential \$279,000  
Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 531-7000

3941 LINCOLN AVE, Lincoln Hts duplex, spacious units, quality \$279,000  
Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 339-4000

3909 TURNLEY AVE, Sequoyia Hills 3/2 on cul-de-sac, remod kit \$275,000  
Pacific Union, Tom Wurs 339-6460

3377 HERRIER ST, Redwood Hts 3bd/2+ba, den off master, office \$275,000  
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174

5359 SHAFER, Rockridge spacious 3bd, FDR, bermt, yd, frpl, trl \$275,000  
Coldwell Banker, Darcy Diamante 339-1174

4175 EASTLAKE, Redwood Hts 3bd/2ba trad'l gem! bay views \$275,000  
Better Homes, Harriet Schoen 531-2437

4706 EDGEWOOD AVE, Glenview 4bd/1+ba, hwdw floors, FDR \$275,000  
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

3956 FRUITVALE AVE, 3bd/2ba just listed! quality, one of a kind \$275,000  
Better Homes, Sam Ghaderi 339-4000

44 SERENO CIRCLE, Redwood Hts 2+2/2 remod twnhouse, den \$275,000  
Pacific Union, Sandi Kiemmer 339-6460

1121 GLENDORA, Duplex, 2bd/1ba & 1/1, modern kit, lg deck \$275,000  
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy

4107 BARNER, Mormon Temple 3/2, grt probate, bay vw, pet cat \$275,000  
Better Homes, Mike Sullivan 339-6460

87 TERALYNN CT, Updated townhouse, 3bd/2+ba, 2-car att. gar \$275,000  
Coldwell Banker, Donna Ranslem 339-1174

1558 HOLMAN, New listing! Crocker 2/1 bungalow, room for office \$275,000  
Wells & Bennett, Carolyn Craig 531-7000

5646 THORNHILL DR, New price! 3bd/2ba, just move in! \$275,000  
Mason-McDuffie 527-9800, Kyoko Sera 526-2945

6726 SARONI DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, just reduced, new deck \$275,000  
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653

59-61 HAMILTON PL, (off Harrison/27th), Lake Merritt triple, 2+bd owner's flat + income! Colored Ave. Realty, Steve Dopkin \$275,000

4012 LAGUNA AVE, Upper Laurel 3bd/3ba perfect brown astring \$275,000  
Better Homes, Steven Blasatti 339-6160

842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 units, 2 garages, MUST SEE! \$275,000  
Owner 834-8768 SUNDAY 11-5 & MONDAY 11-5 5% Down

2111 TRAFALGAR, Montclair 2bd/1ba, walk to village, reduced \$275,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Athena Ateshian 869-4253

4617 SCOTIA, New listing! 3 1/2 shows like a model, new roof, yd \$275,000  
Wells & Bennett, Donna Conroy 531-7000

3742 VIRDEN AVE, Redwood Hts, fab view! 4bd, hwdws, charm! \$275,000  
Coldwell Banker, John Nielsen 339-1174

2443 ALIDA, Lincoln Hts 2+bd/2ba, large family room, den, large yard with patio. National RE Service, Charles Rivers 482-2380

4100 MAYBELLE, Redwood Hts 2bd/1+ba bungalow, prfl 1/4 acre \$275,000  
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

5856 CHABOT CT, Rockridge 2bd/1ba \$275,000  
Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohen 486-1495

5153 SHAFER, Rockridge 3/2 charmer, walk to College Ave \$275,000  
Coldwell Banker, John Nielsen/Dan Coelho 339-1174

5763 FLORENCE TERRACE, Montclair, secluded cottage, walking distance to Montclair Village, Arista RE 527-1770 SUNDAY 1-4

50 RAMONA AVE, Walk to Piedmont Ave, 2bd, sunporch, new \$275,000  
The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400

3850 BRIGHTON, Glenview 2bd/2ba craftsman w/all the charm! \$275,000  
decks, wonderful yard! Re/Max in Motion, Randa/Maria 527-1770

7222 SAYRE DR, Montclair 1bd/1+1/2ba, art deco modern, 3-bath \$275,000  
Better Homes, Hal Castle 339-8400

544 AILEEN, North Oakland 3bd/1+ba \$275,000  
Coldwell Banker, Sandy Schipper 486-1495

3924 ROBLEY TER, Off Piedmont Ave, reduced \$30K, 2+bd, \$275,000  
Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 531-7000

5405 THOMAS AVE, A great project, big or small, 3/1+1, +++ \$275,000  
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400

3400 MARGARITA, Oakland 3bd/2ba, charming, spacious, grt vw \$275,000  
Better Homes, Jody Edmonson 339-6460

1570 EXCELSIOR AVE, Glenview 2+bd/1ba trad, level back yard \$275,000  
Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 339-4000



# Tricks...

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out rate sheets to wholesale brokers saying, for such and such a loan our price is this and you can keep what you get above that. That's why it's called a yield spread premium.

A mortgage banker does not deal with the public at all and may not even have loan officers. Instead, he works with mortgage brokers who go around and solicit loans. They get an application from a potential borrower and go to various places for acceptance.

In most states, including California, the majority of loan brokers are above board and try to get the best deal for their clients. But there are some who, because they owe no fiduciary duty to a client, will shop it around until they find the one who will give them the highest spread above and beyond what the price actually is.

The basic problem is a lack of duty, a fiduciary responsibility if you will, on the part of the broker to get the best price.

Some of the large mortgage lenders have stopped allowing yield spreads. And there is the argument that the banker, by en-

tering the mortgage brokers to screw their clients, are engaging in commercial bribery.

But unscrupulous loan agents have a few even more exotic ways to boost their bottom line. "Playing Against the House" is a good example and it is the kind of thing that occurs in a declining rate environment. Playing against the house is another overage situation and takes place inside a bank, the house, which is a direct lender, not a loan brokering firm.

Let's say there is a loan officer and a borrower. The borrower is letting his rate float. He's been approved, he's got so many days to lock in his rate and he can wait another week. But it's Friday, June 7, and he sees that rates are at 8 percent; so he says, okay, I'll lock today at eight.

Instead of putting in the borrower's lock, the loan officer pockets the deal and goes home. That's because he believes the rates will drop on Monday. The loan officer is betting the minimum price on his rate sheet will go down on Monday.

In many cases the bank is not even aware that a bet is being placed. If the loan officer wins, he takes all the overage. Loan officers will argue this is no harm, no

foul, because they took the risk and the borrower will never know.

The borrower thinks they are getting an 8 percent loan and it shows up on the Truth in Lending statement at 8 percent, but it is really a 7.825 percent loan.

Another gimmick is known as a "Service Release Premium." True, this does not directly affect the borrower who must pay a loan service fee as a part of their monthly payment no matter who handles the collection. But the fee arises from the way the loan is written at origination and the borrower goes along with it totally unaware of the practice.

There are differing degrees of responsibility a loan broker can take when handling a loan package. In the service release situation, rather than just brokering a loan, the title report names the mortgage company as the lender.

Later, they sell the right to service the loan and release it to a national servicing company, often the same company that made the loan.

The broker earns a service release premium which often amounts to a quarter point or more. "This is a payment from one party to another ostensibly in exchange for the right to service

the mortgage, which means sending out coupon books and collecting payments," said Ross at the Justice Department.

"Often that amounts to 1 percent of the monthly payment. A lot of these large companies buy loans in order to get the servicing rights. And it may be fictitious. It may not be that the broker acquires a servicing right that he can sell.

The premium is often more than

what the servicing rights are really worth. It's a way of padding the bill for a broker."

The question remains: How many borrowers would be outraged to learn their loan broker profited by this simple technique?

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## Fixed rates up; COFI down

On May 30 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) announced that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgage rose two basis points to 8.03 percent from last week's average of 8.01 percent. A year ago the 30-year fixed rate was 7.71 percent.

The starting rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) also rose marginally to 5.76 percent from last week's average of 5.75 percent. A year ago, the starting rate for the one-year ARM was 5.95 percent.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in

the refinance arena, was up three basis points to 7.54 percent, down from last week's figure of 7.24 percent.

A year ago, the 15-year interest rate was 7.40 percent.

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970.

On May 31, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for June payments at 4.841 percent, down from the 4.874 percent that was in effect for May payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

# YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

**3734 McCLELLAND**, A bargain! 2bd/1ba, above 580/Mills College Gadsby & Associates, Shel 748-5300 **\$170,000**

**3869 RHODA**, Reduced! 2bd/1ba, lovely yard, motivated sellers Wells & Bennett, Jaya Bhimani 531-7000 **\$160,000**

**4160 MAURITANIA AVE**, Millsmont 2bd/1ba Spanish style, back yd Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460 **\$159,900**

**4109 OUTLOOK AVE**, Millsmont huge 2bd/1b, mint condition! dbl lot Better Homes, Ken Ferrell 814-9036 **\$159,500**

**2119 DAMUTH ST**, Dimond 2bd/2ba charming brown shingle, FDR Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460 **\$159,000**

**4147 MAYBELLE**, Laurel, best 2bd/1ba, gorgeous view, updated Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Cindy Boze 869-4205 **\$159,000**

**2921 55TH AVE**, Maxwell Park 2bd/1ba new listing! lg back yard Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460 **\$149,000**

**2203 13TH AVENUE**, Brooklyn 3bd/2ba colorful victorian, gdn, hdwd Better Homes, Victor Fierro 832-4339 **\$148,500**

**3401 MADERA**, Sunny 2bd in Maxwell Park, deck, updt'd kit, lg yard Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 531-7000 **\$145,000**

**655 CHETWOOD #201**, Rose Gdn 1+bd/1ba, hdwds, frpl, den, deck Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, James Garcia 869-4211 **\$142,000**

**5401 WENTWORTH**, nr Mills College 2bd/1ba, formal dining room, hdwd floors, lg corner lot, National RE Service, Charles Rivers 482-2360 **\$134,000**

**323 MONTE VISTA AVE #108**, Piedmont Ave 2/1, 1st open! quality Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7657 **\$129,950**

**965 60TH ST**, Oakland 4bd/1+ba Red Oak Realty 527-3387 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$129,000**

**3634 CALAFIA**, Oak Knoll, 2bd/1ba, sunken lr, lg garden, grt price Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4216 **\$128,888**

**1222 HOLLYWOOD**, Glenview, best 1bd condo, views, large yard Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Ed Marshall 869-4244 **\$119,500**

**567 OAKLAND #310**, 1bd/1ba, dressing room, spacious living rm Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Pat Buhler 287-5910 **\$99,500**

**625 EL DORADO #304**, Best buy! beautifully updated 1/1 condo in prime location. Tree-lined street, walk to Piedmont Ave. Stasky & Co. 526-8800 **\$76,500**

### ALAMEDA Open Sunday

**716 PARU ST**, Gold Coast, 7bd, FDR, 2 parlors, 2+ba, 2 frpl, wrap-around porch, dbl lot, Harbor Bay RE, Elaine Budka 814-4835 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$528,000**

**11 REGULUS CT**, Marina Village 2bd/2ba townhome on lagoon! Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfeller 339-1174 SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$245,000**

### ALBANY Open Sunday

**1047 CURTIS ST**, 2+bd/1+ba plus art studio, great location Roger Morgan 527-5859 SUNDAY 1-4 **\$279,000**

**1496 SONOMA AVE**, Inviting garden, move in condition, gd schools Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$239,000**

**548 MADISON ST**, 3bd/1ba on 50x100 lot, immaculate condition, vacant. Price Reduced! Majestic Realty, Joe Shiao 525-8130 SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$226,000**

**621 EVELYN**, New on market! enjoy Solano Ave & Albany schools! Better Homes, Jennie Lippincott 339-4000 SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$225,000**

**713 POLK**, 2bd country cottage on Albany Hill Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X182 SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$179,000**

**616 EVELYN**, 1bd/1ba secluded cottage, garden, deck Red Oak Realty 527-3387 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$168,000**

**824 JACKSON**, Great location, marvelous potential! 3bd/1ba Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X119 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$150,000**

### BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

**55 VICENTE RD**, 4bd/3ba nearly completed Med, quality/location! Pacific Union, Bill Weissberg 339-6460 **\$775,000**

**1100 SHATTUCK**, 4+bd/3ba Coldwell Banker, Diane Verducci 486-1495 **\$665,000**

**1046 LEROY**, Wonderful 5bd/4ba in North Berkeley, gourmet kitchen Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X185 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$639,000**

**159 EL CAMINO REAL**, 4bd/2+ba, luxury master retreat, extras! Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174 **\$569,000**

**1106 GRIZZLY PEAK**, 4bd/3ba Coldwell Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495 **\$495,000**

**758 SPRUCE**, 4+bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Gaby Olander 486-1495 **\$485,000**

**22 CLAREMONT CRES**, 4bd/3ba, it's a beauty! Impeccable Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$475,000**

**169 ALVARADO RD**, Claremont charming 3 1/2 Med, lg family rm The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400 **\$449,000**

**62 NORTHAMPTON**, Spanish Mediterranean 4+bd/2ba, Berk Hills Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X116 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$429,000**

**1402 GLENDALE AVE**, 3bd/2ba, level entry, sep studio w/full bath Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 **\$399,000**

**3082 BUENA VISTA**, 3bd/2ba w/GG view, in-law potential, hdwds Mason-McDuffie, Dolores Thom 834-2010 **\$375,000**

**2739 DERBY ST**, Spacious Elmwood duplex, charm, 2/2 up, 3/2 down J. T. Ward Realtors 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$355,000**

**737 SPRUCE ST**, 3bd/2+ba, FDR, gracious living, yd w/fruit trees Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$349,000**

**1759 HOPKINS**, Berkeley 4bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495 **\$335,000**

**1641 TACOMA AVE**, 4bd/2ba, a jewel! bright/sunny, walk to Solano Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460 **\$333,000**

**3148 CLAREMONT**, 3bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Melissa Lyckberg 486-1495 **\$299,500**

**517 THE ALAMEDA**, Berkeley 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Lydia Melsen 486-1495 **\$295,000**

**1534 EDITH**, Berkeley 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Linda Gerson 486-1495 **\$268,000**

**2014 HEARST**, Classic 3bd/2+bd contemp twnhm, custom features Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X187 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$259,000**

**1404 MCGEE**, 3bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495 **\$249,000**

**1091 KEITH**, 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Mona Thompson 486-1495 **\$235,000**

**1333 CALIFORNIA ST**, Nr Hopkins St Markets, lovely 2/1 bungalow Templeton Company, Ron Egberman 652-2133 X127 **\$229,000**

**1526 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**, Charming 2/1 craftsman, deck Templeton Company, Nancy Lee Norman 652-2133 X124 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$219,000**

**1443 SANTA FE**, 2bd/1ba semi-Victorian, flower garden Roger Morgan 527-5859 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$195,000**

**1209 OREGON**, Berkeley 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495 **\$173,000**

**1908 BLAKE ST**, Sunny/bright 2bd/2ba, garage, patio/yard, nr shops Templeton Company, Susie Schevill 652-2133 X144 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$169,000**

**1108 DWIGHT WAY**, 2bd/2ba, remodeled kitchen/baths, FDR, frpl Better Homes, Victor Fierro 832-4339 **\$161,000**

**1249 ROSE**, Wonderful 2bd/1ba, lg level yard and upgrades Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X147 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$159,000**

**2029 CHANNING**, Channing Place condos, 1 & 2bd city homes Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X174 SATURDAY/SUNDAY 1-5 **\$139,000 to \$179,000**

**2922 HILLEGASS AV #D**, 1bd/1ba condo, close to UC & College Av Templeton Company, Trish McEneaney 652-2133 X125 **\$118,500**

### CASTRO VALLEY Open Sunday

**4979 HENSON PLACE**, Spacious 4+bd/3+ba on 1/2 acre pool Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 SUNDAY 1-4 **\$455,000**

**4971 HENSON PLACE**, Best bargain! custom 4bd/3ba, 3000 sq ft Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 SUNDAY 1-4 **\$439,950**

**2230 STAR**, Adorable 2bd/1ba, large yard, move in condition! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Cindy Boze 869-4203 SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$162,000**

### EL CERRITO Open Sunday

**7210 VIEW AVE**, 4+3+ romantic English tudor, move in condition, 1/3 acre professionally landscaped. Agent 233-6663 SUNDAY 2-5 **\$799,000**

**708 COLUSA**, Sunny 4bd/2+ba nr Solano Ave & Fairmont Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X148 SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$289,500**

**18 WILDWOOD**, El Cerrito 3bd/2+ba Coldwell Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495 **\$179,500**

**837 ELM**, Sunny 2bd + office, big yard, great area Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X209 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$159,000**

### EMERYVILLE Open Sunday

**4300 HORTON #5**, 1bd/1+ba sunwashed 1700 sq ft live/work loft Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$242,000**

**1267 64TH ST**, Renovated 2bd/1ba, vault ceilings, gourmet kitchen Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$179,000**

### EL SOBRANTE Open Sunday

**890 APPIAN WAY**, Beautiful new duets, 3bd/2+ba, VA possible Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Sybil Bailey 464-1075 SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$139,900**

### HAYWARD Open Sunday

**620 LEIGHTON**, 3bd/1ba on level lot, studio out back Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Jim Resor 869-4243 SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$133,950**

### HERCULES Open Sunday

**344 SCOTTS VALLEY**, Hercules 3bd/2+ba Coldwell Banker, Karen Danrich 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$169,900**

### KENSINGTON Open Sunday

**20 HIGHGATE**, Kensington 3+bd/3ba Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$375,000**

### PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

**410 HAMPTON RD**, Light & spacious 5bd/5b, landscaped grounds The GRUBB Company, Connie Rogers 339-0400 **\$1,135,000**

**11 SCENIC AVE**, Exquisite detail/level landscaped grounds, library The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400 **\$959,500**

**420 HAMPTON RD**, 4bd/3+ba colonial, family rm, rumpus, landscped The GRUBB Company, Kathleen Callahan 339-0400 **\$875,000**

**111 ESTATES DR**, Gorgeous all-level, central courtly, formal LR/DR The GRUBB Company, Bonnie Hirsch 339-0400 **\$749,500**

**1 LA SALLE AVE**, 5+bd/3+ba, level in, remodeled, grt kitchen Pacific Union, Dee Dee Bonham 339-6460 **\$699,000**

**33 PIEDMONT CT**, 4bd/3ba bright trad, cook's kitchen, mstr w/frpl Pacific Union, Franice Heath 339-6460 **\$679,000**

**12 ALTA**, Formal dining/gracious LR, kit w/bkfst room, grt garden The GRUBB Company, Jean Simmons 339-0400 **\$669,000**

**21 PARK WAY**, Elegant 3-story, 5+bd, formal dining/living, fam rm The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400 **\$659,000**

**111 MONTE**, 4+bd/3+ba, updt'd kitchen & fam rm, bay vw, quiet street The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400 **\$649,000**

**120 ESTATES**, Single level 4bd/2+ba, well built, bay view Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Yehuda Ben-David 869-4205 **\$598,000**

**29 WILDWOOD GARDENS**, Fab location! 4bd/4ba, much potential Coldwell Banker, Paula Easton/Dell Orr 339-1174 **\$598,000**

**180 MAXWELTON RD**, Pano vw, level garden! 4+3, country kitchen The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400 **\$595,000**

**10 BONITA AVE**, 3+bd/1+ba charming craftsman, grt kitchen, yd Pacific Union, Joan Daniel 339-6460 **\$499,000**

**1 MESA**, 4bd/2+ba, large master suite, close location Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Barry Klein 644-5423 **\$499,000**

**159 ST JAMES DR**, 3bd/3ba, formal DR, family rm, 2 decks Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460 **\$475,000**

**324 OLIVE AVE**, 4bd/3ba sunn-filled throughout! grt eat-in kitchen Better Homes, Jennie Lippincott 339-4000 **\$419,000**

**101 NOVA DRIVE**, 3bd/1+ba, charming, very large garden! Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, H. Chew 644-5422 **\$415,000**

**1609 GRAND AVE**, Darling 3bd/2b trad, split level, private garden The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400 **\$365,000**

**100 RAMONA AVE**, Lots of natural light! frpl, FDR, fam rm, garden The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400 **\$339,000**

**179 OAK ROAD**, 2bd/2ba traditional charm, level yard Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Moore 644-5488 **\$307,000**

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**427 WASHINGTON AVE**, Pt Richmond 2/1, Carmel-like charm! yd, grt workshop. Prudential CA Realty, Janice Cook 237-5072 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$239,000**

**204 WATER ST**, Pt Richmond 2/2 bright end-unit in small complex, open & bay views. Prudential CA Realty, Janice Cook 237-5072 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$199,000**

**117 EDDY ST**, Pt Richmond 2+bd/1+ba classic, dramatic townhome grden studio sep entry. Prudential CA R.E., Janice Cook 237-5072 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$179,000**

**903 VISTA HEIGHTS**, 2bd/1+ba, golf course living! many extras Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X174 SUNDAY 2-4 **\$175,000**

### SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday

**2122 HARBORVIEW**, Bayo Vista, 4b/3b, updated, views, corner lot Great American, Vicki 939-7259 SUNDAY 1-4 **\$399,888**

**2003 DOLPHIN CT**, Spacious 5bd/4ba, many many upgrades! Harbor Bay Realty, Terre Lee 521-3352 SATURDAY 2-4 **\$370,000**

**407 BROADMOOR BL**, 4+bd/2+ba elegant craftsman mini-mansion special home & gardens tour. Realty Advocates, Hal 428-0757 SUNDAY 12-4 **\$329,500**

**458 DIEHL AVE**, 3+bd/1+ba, reduced! charming split level, nw deck Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460 SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$199,000**

**1225 PEARSON**, 3bd/1ba, priced right off Davis St nr 880 freeway Gadsby & Associates, Margaret 748-5300 SATURDAY & SUNDAY 2-4:30 **\$142,995**

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serve. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell properties using this loan product. Buyers, Realtors, contractors, nonprofit organizations, churches, investors are welcome. Reservations are required. Call Teegarden at (510) 528-0767, ext. 17 for reservations.

The San Francisco branch of the American Fuchsia Society announces its **Fuchsia Maintenance Program**, 1 to 2 p.m., Sat., June 29, at the Sloat Garden Center, 3277 Wawona, San Francisco. Scott

Massey and Joyce Richardson will be doing the program. Call Joan Esperance at (415) 566-4797 for more information.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley is scheduled for 7 p.m., Wed., July 3. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, handle home inspections; learn about contingencies that may protect a buyer from adverse conditions, and see if it may be more economical to buy rather than to rent. Get prequalified

and receive a listing of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554 for more information

East Bay Habitat for Humanity announces its **July Build-A-Thon**, Fri. July 5 to Tues., July 9 at its 105th Avenue construction site in Oakland. Habitat hopes to frame five houses in this five day period with 1,000 volunteers. 100 of these volunteers must be trained carpenters. The \$25 registration fee will cover breakfast and lunch for the five days. Habitat also hopes to find

corporations, schools and churches willing to help raise the \$100,000 necessary to complete the project, volunteers to staff the merchandise, food and registration tables as well as sponsors, food donors and entertainers. Call 251-6304 to get involved.

The City of Oakland's Office of Cultural Affairs presents the **Adult Arts Camp**, July 27 to Aug. 3 at the Feather River Camp in Quincy, CA. The camp will feature landscape drawing and painting, plein-air oil painting, fabric printing, glass bead

making, tai chi and nature classes. The \$400 cost includes classes, transportation and inclusive eight day, seven night accommodations in shared rustic cabins. Call 238-

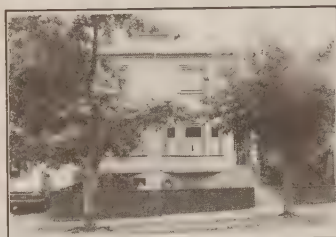
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244	\$139,000	Margaret Lomba	521-7191
459	\$149,900	Anna Woo	865-4340
407	\$159,950	Julie Korpi	276-3020
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4	3	Casual opulence in this like-new home at Harbor Bay	Oakland
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4	2.5	Showy home that's easy to maintain	Oakland
3	2.5	Warm and welcome. Priced to sell now	Oakland
2	1	Restful and beautiful cottage with in-home office	Oakland
4	2.5	Big rooms, outdoor atmosphere in snugly county	Oakland
2	1	Vine-covered cottage w/beautiful hardwood floors	Oakland
2	1	Ay Carumbal! This is too good to be true. MUST SEE	Oakland
2	1	View home, not priced like one. Bay bridges with delight!	Oakland
3	3	Contemporary & you can see forever - Clear day or not	Oakland
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3	2	You won't believe the price of this Victorian Beauty	Oakland
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3	2	Dreams do come true. 3 bedroom 2 bath priced right	Oakland
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CENTRAL American refugees seek employment in housecleaning, gardening, childcare, painting, moving. Skilled and reliable. 533-1119.

NURSE looking for work. Care for sick. Experienced, reliable, excellent references, loving, kind person. 639-7307.

FULL-CHARGE, highly skilled, multi-task secretary seeks flexible part-time East Bay position. Extensive software/accounting experience. Call 273-9511.

408 Caregiver & Domestic  
Help Wanted

HOUSEKEEPING/light childcare, 8-12 hours per week. Hardworking, dependable, own transportation. English speaking 655-9877.

HOUSEKEEPER/ Caregiver for Piedmont family with school aged children, 30 hours/week. Live-out. Housework, shopping, cooking, childcare. Own car, local references required. 652-5787.

RELIABLE attendant for disabled professional woman. North Oakland/Piedmont. Early morning, fluent English 428-1831

## 409 Childcare Wanted

NANNIES  
Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fee. Mom's Away, 559-9195.

PART-TIME/ Full-time childcare. Monday-Friday, flexible hours. English reading/speaking. Car, references, salary negotiable. 653-6644.

MOTHER'S helper Mondays, 6 hours, \$7.75/hour. Bilingual homes, (Spanish/English). Montclair, on bus line. Social security number required. 531-9047

CHILD CARE needed for 2 children ages 6 and 11. 3-7 p.m., 4 days/week. Call Jan 658-4375.

FAMILY Helper, 3 afternoons, 3-6:30 some weekend evenings, pick-up and care for 2 active boys and 8 Light meals, errands. Long-term. Must enjoy and care for children with children. Valid CDL and car. 525-7915

MATURE, loving person to provide childcare and tutoring for 2 children. Psychology/education experience desired. 15-20 hours. Nancy 420-8972.

NANNIES/HOUSEHOLD MANAGERS  
Top salaries! Excellent references required. \$1400-\$2200/month. 38-112/hour. Full/part-time, live-in/out. Mothers-in-need, 415-461-7755. No fee.

HOUSEKEEPING/childcare, full-time, live-in, car provided. CDL required. Wednesday-Sunday weekdays. Berkeley Hills. References required. \$1100/month plus room and board. Marcia 843-5590, ext. 428

BABYSITTER/Driver. 7 year old boy, 5 year old girl. Part-time, Monday-Friday. Some whole days. Experience, car, English. 654-8482.

CHILD CARE needed for girl 10, boy 6, girl 3 in North Berkeley. Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Light housekeeping. Experience, English speaking, non-smoking, driving, references required. 527-5832

## 410 Share Childcare

WOULD love to share our experienced and fun babysitter, part-time in our Montclair home. Prefer child 8-18 months. 339-9325.

SHARE our loving, experienced, responsible nanny. 3 or 4 days per week, \$5 per hour. Prefer child 12 months or older. Oakland Hills. 531-8257.

SEEKING kid to share with our 10 month old boy in our home. Piedmont/Oakland area, wonderful babysitter! 511-5523, evenings.

## 411 Childcare - Licensed

OVER The Rainbow Daycare, loving, safe, fun, educational, outings, experienced, credential teacher. Deborah, 901-028900. 339-2066

PLAY and Grow Daycare. Fun, caring and respect. Openings available. Licensed. CPR. ECEs. 648-7470, 301-341296

INFANT home care by education specialist. 15 years experience. BA/ECE. Donna, 337-0315. Lic. #013411555.

CHILD CARE Skyline area. 16 months and older. Preschool activities, structure, Montessori work. License #01026795. 530-8630

## 412 Babysitting Offered

EXPERIENCED babysitter, Montclair/Berkeley. Own car. Good references. Available weekends. Sandra 652-5069, evenings.

PROFESSIONAL Piedmont area nanny. Part-time. Monday, Tuesday, Friday beginning September or full-time share with current 3 year old. 30 years experience. CPR, safe driver. Excellent references. 601-0497 days; 653-7548 evenings.

LOOKING for work. Domestic, gardening, painting, cleaning, childcare. References. 642-3569.

TEACHER available full-time summer, part-time school year. Special needs, tutoring, recreation. Minimum \$10/hour. 462-8979

FULL-TIME, live-in, driver's license, CPR, speaks English/German. Light housekeeping, cooking, household errands. Denise 653-3453

PIEDMONT area babysitting group. CPR and first aid certified. Experienced, references available. Please call 482-6165

## 413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 408

A CARING CONNECTION  
Bonded, quality home care includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 524-8076

EXPERIENCED middle-aged lady seeking elderly care, companion, nursing experience. Paula. 510-516-9703; 510-436-0322, message

## 413 Home Health Care Offered

HOME care offered by Certified Nursing Assistant/ Certified Home Health Aide. Hourly rate. Yvonne 652-5348

## FINANCIAL

502 Business Opportunities  
& Services

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

**IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE?**  
Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth? The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product position.

If you are interested in selling all or part of your business, please send a brief business description and product brochure to: Box K, 6208 La Salle, Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611.

## FOR SALE

## 601 Antiques &amp; Art

GOOD THINGS abound. Waystate Antiques. Monday-Saturday, 10-5. 3413 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. 283-0636.

## 602 Appliances

FREEZER, Signature, upright, open on left, 32x24x70 1/2 inches, \$50. 510-428-2299

## 603 Garage &amp; Estate Sales

**GARAGE SALE ADS?**  
See Clip 'n Go on the 1st page of Classified Ads

## 605 Home Furnishings

**15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL**  
Buy 2 or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 569-7540 for details.

MATRESS Sets: Twin, \$89. Full, \$109. Queen, \$159. Sofa-bed, \$299. Sofa with loveseat, \$399. Bunkbeds, \$228. Chest-bed, bedroom sets, roll-aways. Simmons, Sealy, Restonic. 444-1590.

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$1195 sell \$395. 886-8127.

SOFA: Camel back, light pastel, \$450. Northlake Dishes: Service bar, 8, \$250. Bedroom Set: Iron platform bed (double) and dresser, \$450. Desk: Contemporary iron and glass, \$450. Buffet: Antique Oak, excellent condition, \$375. Call 528-3203.

DINING set, maple, Early American, 6 chairs. China cabinet, \$950. Includes 2 leaves. 510-428-2299.

KITCHEN set, oak table, 6 chairs, 52x43, (52x67 with 2 leaves), \$800. 510-428-2299

HUTCH made, early American, 36" wide, 18" deep, 68" tall, \$150. 510-428-2299

KING SEaly Posturepedic, firm, oak headboard, electric blanket, pad, sheets, spread. \$500/ negotiable. 530-9105, 654-9937.

BAUHAUS sectional with queen sleeper and ottoman, Taupe tweed. \$300. 528-4546.

CHEST bed, solid wood with brass handles, twin size. \$175. 801-5809

MOVING sale. Matching dresser/ dresser, night tables, bookcases, rugs, bed, futon, women's size 5 shoes/ clothes. Monday-Friday evenings 339-9771.

DAYBED, \$125, collectible dresser plus head/ footboard, \$175. Two bookcases, desk; \$25 each. 652-1719.

UNIVERSAL gym \$200, teal queen platform bed \$175, white leather loveseat/ swivel chair \$250 each, pine entertainment center \$600. 655-1782.

QUEEN bed/ pine, four tall tempering post \$650; mattress set, (like new/ Macy's) \$250. 653-5114.

DRESSER/ sideboard \$60. Bed couch, good quality \$125. Doubled with frame and headboard \$300. 523-1658.

## 606 Miscellaneous For Sale

BAHAMA Cruise! 5 days/ 4 nights, underbooked! Must sell \$279 for two. Limited tickets. 1-800-414-4151, ext. 0087, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

FAMILY membership The Hills Swim and Tennis Club. \$3200 plus transfer fee. 636-9885

MAC computer, gym quality Steamster, NFL autographed All-star football, office equipment and more. Call 510-530-1155.

MONTCLAIR Swim Club membership. \$250. 339-3263

OAKLAND Hills Tennis Club membership. \$800. best offer. 635-8651

THE Hills lifetime family membership. \$3200 plus transfer fee. 339-3028

RAILROAD ties, \$3 each. Sale 1 day only, Saturday, June 8, Benicia. Delivery available 707-964-1900.

IBM 486DX 4100, 8 ram, 850 hd, 4x CD Rom, sound card, 14" color monitor, Windows 95, 9600/ 95, 8449. Leave message for Eran (800)933-7185.

CHINA Watchers: Complete unbranded text. China's reclaiming Hong Kong, effective July 1, 1997. Information: 510-841-3344.

COLOR TV 19" RCA and VHS VCR. Both work great. \$70 each. 531-3631.

HILLS Swim and Tennis Club family membership, \$3200 plus transfer fee. Call 339-3885.

NAUTILUS home abdominal machine. \$275. 654-7388.

TWO Baldwin pianos; \$495/ \$895. 6' Young Chang black lacquer grand piano; \$5400. Formal dining set 10 chairs, buffet, \$1199. Conference table/ 6 chairs; \$750. sofa, \$95. Sofa-bed, \$135. Persian and Chinese rugs. Sterling silver (42 pieces); \$495. Paintings, 19th Century and contemporary. Black leather bedroom set; \$450. Black oval conference table; \$575. Diamond and sapphire ring, appraised \$2400/ \$950. Diamond and emerald ring, appraised \$1500/ \$775. 5' carat diamond ring/ 1 1/2 smaller diamonds, appraised \$3400/ \$1150. Piedmont 510-444-8859.

SOFA Hides-a-bed, buffet, desks, twin mattress set, gas jet, grey. Horizontal metal band saw, radial arm saw, miscellaneous hand and power tools. 430-1591

## 607 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED: An old toy train Lionel, Marx, American Flyer. 415-547-1278

Diamonds, gold jewelry, rare coins, etc. Albany Coin Exchange, 1107 Solano Ave., Albany. 526-4791.

WANTED: Light Weight Wheelchair, 30 pounds maximum. Adult size. Good condition. 547-2456.

## 608 Musical Instruments

PIANO: Wegman upright, circa 1900, satin ebony, needs some work. \$400. Bill 601-1440.

## 609 Pets - Care &amp; Supplies

Two special cats need quiet home. They're brothers, about three years old, brown/gray/black tiger striped, have the look of little mountain lions. Both very gentle, very affectionate, rather shy though. Dittos more gregarious with people. Stripes is mostly one person cat. They're neutered, have all shots. If you want more love in your life, call Karen, 272-5023.

## 609 Pets - Care &amp; Supplies

"SECOND HOME" boarding for dogs up to 30 pounds. Pampering. Licensed Veterinary Nurse. Michele 658-9307

## RENTALS

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9000 OFF Broadway near 30th. Dramatic. Manhattan style loft. Great light, appliances, washer/dryer, 950 sq. ft. 510-528-6886

\$1200-3000 apt. ft., rad brick, many windows, laundry, 2-3 year minimum lease. August 1st. 653-1340

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## 704 Housing Wanted

TWO Catholic Sisters seek 2 bedroom home in Montclair, Rockridge, Mormon Temple area. Occupancy by June 15th. We will take good care of your property. Please call Sr. Barbara 547-1354.

TRUSTWORTHY local couple with excellent references seeks Berkeley Hills or Kensington home near elderly parent. Charming pet included. Long-term. 510-528-2154.

NON-SMOKING, considerate, gentleman seeks quiet rental situation. David 235-7419.

LIVE-IN gardener/tenant, mature, responsible, professional woman seeks stable, private, comfortable apartment. Wonderful references. 525-0545

## 706 Sublets &amp; Short-Term Rentals

\$600 PIEDMONT Avenue area. Quiet, charming, furnished 1 bedroom. Laundry. Pets negotiable. July-October. 652-2285.

\$1295 PANORAMIC Bay view, El Cerrito BART. June-August. Furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 524-3688

\$1600 MONTCLAIR wooded acre. Piano, wood stove, office studio. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, laundry. Pets negotiable. June-Mid-August. 339-1984

JULY 3rd-August 20th. Negotiable, \$995/month. Oakland Hills above Montclair. Sunny, trees, huge deck, bay view. Walking distance to Redwood Regional Park. Fully furnished, 1 bedroom, 1 bath 482-1212.

LAKE Tahoe- South Cabins- Condos- Homes Any budget!

(800) 962-1489

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NORTH Tahoe- Dollar Point, 4 bedroom home, 2 bath, view, pool, beach, tennis, buoys 415-323-4055

NORTH Tahoe cabin 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom. Sleeps 8. Golf, beaches, gaming. 510-484-5152.

KONA Hawaii, lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath, Ocean front, furnished, pool, quiet. \$500 week. (510)-531-2671

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709 Alameda

710 STUDIO APT. RENTALS Alameda

FURNISHED studio and 1 bedroom apartments. Direct dial phones, cable, HBO, laundry, maid service. Near shops and transportation. Weekly \$210-up. Monthly \$750-up. 523-6333

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\$500 COZY ONE bedroom upper, laundry, parking. 832-1888 ext. 34. 2256 Pacific

\$650 ONE bedroom condo, Shopp



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**UPPER ROCKIDGE**, 1 bedroom, 5390  
Quiet, gated building. No pets.  
Call 834-4937.

**BEAUTIFUL** neighborhood. 354 Vernon  
View, clean, repainted, quiet, pool, inter-  
com. Laundry, tree heat, gas. Parking available.  
Call 834-2507.

**LARGE** 1 bedroom, Adams Point, remod-  
eled, carpeted, parking, quiet, security. Also  
available. Call 535-943-5270.

## BY PIEDMONT AVENUE

**Yosemite**, 1 bedroom 1/2 block to Piedmont  
Ave. 10 min. drive, corner unit. Gas heat and  
intercom. Fresh carpet. Call 531-6969.

## WALK TO BART AND SHOPPING

**UPPER ROCKIDGE**, 1 bedroom with private deck. New  
carpet, dishwasher, disposal, laundry,  
intercom entry. Two blocks to Lake,  
transportation. Parking available. Call 266-1756.

**3008 KINGSLEY** 1C. One bedroom, Victo-  
rian, large, coin laundry, call negotiable.  
Call 580 freeway/Alameda 523-1186.

**DIAMOND**, 1 bedroom, spacious, carpet,  
water, gas, parking included. Near shop-  
ping/transportation. 482-8106.

**LARGE** 1 bedroom apartment available  
near Lake. Walk to Lake, near shops and trans-  
portation. Quiet area. Call 451-1899.

**ONE** bedroom, unfurnished, carpets,  
electric kitchen, dishwasher. Parking.  
Call 834-9810.

**ONE** bedroom. Available now. 733 Jean St.  
Call 424-279.

**UPPER**, quiet 1 bedroom, fourplex. Eat-in  
kitchen, walk-in closets, garage, water, garbage  
disposal. 653-9942.

**MONTCLAIR**, Snake Road. Furnished bed-  
room, private home. Private bath. Sunporch.  
Walking View. (510)339-1019.

**ONE** bedroom apartment. Parking, laundry  
facilities, near Piedmont. 612 Mariposa Ave.  
Call 585-5845.

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**NEW** building, hardwood floors, view, laundry  
facilities. Call 581-5979.

**LAUREL** District on Maybellie. Quiet 1 bed-  
room, deck, dishwasher, parking, laundry, gas.  
Call 658-9990.

**ADAMS POINT NEAR LAKE**  
1C. Build in Oakland. Large 1 bedroom, good  
natural light, laundry, elevator. Near Grand Ave.  
Call 451-1899. No blocks to shopping and transpor-  
tation. Parking available. Call 465-0969.

## UPPER PIEDMONT AVENUE

**514** St. 1 bedroom, one block to shopping  
and transportation, close to BART, 2 blocks to  
Adams Point. Fresh carpet and paint, gas heat.  
Walking view. Call 547-1609.

**5875** ADAMS POINT, 1 bedrooms. Some  
hill view. Laundry facilities. Close to transpor-  
tation. No pets. 835-8089.  
Call 835-9553.

**3001** JAYNE, 1 bedroom, near Lake Merritt.  
Hardwood floors, gas stove, coin laundry. Call  
523-1186.

**CLAREMONT**, Rockridge BART, attractive  
rental, 1 bedroom, gas stove, coin laundry. Con-  
venient. Available furnished. 653-1871.

**LARGE** 1 bedroom in Victorian 4-plex.  
Hardwood floors, washer/dryer. Most utilities paid.  
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**ONE** bedroom near Piedmont Ave. and park.  
Great parking. (510)614-7650.

**ONE** bedroom, 1 bath, near Lake  
Merritt. Carpet, paint, utilities, parking, Kathy.  
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## SUMMER SPECIAL

**ON** hill near Lake Merritt, garage available.  
SELECT 834-9471.

## DIAMOND DISTRICT

**ONE** and one plus bedroom, near shops, library  
parking. Call 834-9033.

**PARK** Blvd., large well-lit 1 bedroom.  
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**ADAMS** Quiet 1 bedroom. Entercom, laundry.  
Dorms at 535-3707.

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**ADAMS** Point area, 61 Vernon, POOL, laundry,  
garage parking included. Near shopping, Kaiser  
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**ADAMS** Point 1 bedroom, large, eat-in  
kitchen, wall-to-wall carpet. Very quiet building.  
Call 585-6562.

**ADAMS** Point, spacious, light, quiet street.  
View. No pets. No Cable. 347 Warwick  
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**Lake Merritt**, sunny, clean, and close to  
BART, shops and Lake. 451-5633.

**2025** LARGE 1 bedroom, 4 unit and 8 unit.  
1/2 mile Laurel district location between 580/  
Security access. 3773 High Street. Near  
interiors, covered parking, views.  
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**NORTH** Oakland, classic garden apartment.  
Hardwood floors, garage. 544 42nd St. Levee  
apartment 841-7708.

**ONE** bedroom, unfurnished, spacious,  
sun, sunny. Convenient location near BART/  
Piedmont. Leave message 658-4152.

**SUNNY**, quiet neighborhood near Pied-  
mont. Large living room. Big closets. Carpets,  
laundry, parking. Available June. 541  
Wood. 654-6735.

**LARGE** 1 bedroom, sunny, luxurious, view,  
near neighborhood. Hardwoods. Brooklyn Hill.  
Call 839-4828.

**NORTH** Oakland. Charming 1920's build-  
ing. Hardwoods. High ceilings, huge windows/  
views. Non-smoking, no pets. Security, laundry,  
BART. 284-1887.

**ONE** bedroom, secure parking, laun-  
dry, pool, elevator. Transportation. 425  
Bart. 800-303-9533.

**SUNNY** 1 bedroom, hardwood floor, din-  
ing room, fireplace, walk-in closets. 645 43rd St.  
Call 8116.

## TWO BLOCKS TO LAKE

**NEAR** 1 bedroom in a charming 1920's build-  
ing. Hardwood floors. Sunny eat-in kitchen, large  
bath, laundry, parking. Available June. 541  
Wood. 654-6735.

**LARGE**, modern 1 bedroom, quiet, conve-  
nient, near Lakeshore. Closet, storage.  
Call 530-3646.

**LARGE**, quiet 1 bedroom apartment near  
BART. Laundry, new paint, parking, water/  
gas. Available June 15. 451-1899.

**LARGE** large 1 bedroom, Piedmont border,  
near Lake. Secured, carpeted, 630  
Call 655-4972.

**ADAMS** Point 1 bedroom in-law. Includes util-  
ities, entrance patio. Laundry, storage.  
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**ONE** bedroom, 444 Lee Street. 1 block  
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**DISCOUNT** 1 bedroom, good neighbor-  
hood, sun, buses. Must appreciate and  
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**COLLEGE**/Alcatraz. Great neighborhood,  
1/2 unit building. 652-8661.

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**\$620-\$640** one bedrooms, near Piedmont,  
security building/garage. Laundry, AEK, carpet.  
No pets. 652-5299.

**\$620** UPPER GRAND, 10 unit building, carpets,  
dishwasher, balcony, covered parking. Laundry.  
Call 465-9064.

**\$625**  
**LOWER ROCKRIDGE**  
Clean, sunny 1 bedroom, large closets, patio,  
parking. Close to UC, shopping, transportation.  
BART. 450 Alcatraz. Call 527-8115.

**\$625** ONE bedroom. Rent includes steam heat.  
Gas cooking, Grand Lake Theatre, cafes, super-  
markets, dry cleaners and MORE. 839-2021.

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dishwasher, disposal, carpets, drapes. Near  
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**\$640** LARGE, sunny 1 bedroom in Adams Point.  
Block from off street parking, on-site laundry facil-  
ties, many closets. Laundry, cat, near transpor-  
tation. Call Frank, 465-5560.

**\$650**  
**BEST VALUE!**  
Clean, quiet 1 bedroom. Attractive well-  
maintained building. Balcony, garage, cable,  
storage. 465-5854.

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landmark Art Deco building, bay windows, Lev-  
elers, eat-in kitchen, gas stove, laundry, elevator.  
Call 465-9064. Great location, easy commute.  
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**\$650** COZY duplex, Piedmont Avenue 4 blocks  
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floor, balcony, carpets, drapes, garage, elevator.  
No pets. 834-5377.

**\$650** ONE bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, din-  
ing room, off street parking, on-site laundry facil-  
ties. Call Chuck 763-9601.

**\$650** ONE bedroom condo near Piedmont. Park-  
ing, laundry, spacious, close to buses. 653-0111.

**\$650** ONE bedroom in-law unit. Quiet, non-  
smoking or pets. 531-3945.

**\$650** PIEDMONT border, bright 1 bedroom  
condo. Secured parking, balcony, laundry, con-  
venient transportation/shopping. 654-5278.

**\$675**  
**1920's LAKE JEWELL**  
Belle Shore Apt. - Large 1 bedroom at Lake Merritt  
with 1920's charm. Beautiful hardwoods, good  
natural light. Good Lake View/Walk-in closet. All  
utilities paid! 1918 Lakeshore. Call 465-3572.

**\$675** IMMACULATE CONDITION  
Three walk-in closets. Marble entry way, marble  
bathrooms. Walk-in-well, carpets. Just  
redecorated. City view. Bay windows with blinds.  
Appliances, laundry on premises. Most utilities  
included. Inside parking available, spacious  
apartment. 893-1826.

**\$675** ONE plus small office, older well main-  
tained, near Piedmont Ave. Hardwoods, cable,  
intercom. 801-5501.

**\$675** RAND AVENUE. Charming 1920's sixplex.  
Hardwood floors, coin laundry. Walk to Lakeshore  
shopping. 639-5341.

**\$675** SPACIOUS, garden apartment near Mont-  
clair. Fireplace, laundry, patio. 338-3336.

**\$685**  
**WATCH SUNSETS EVERY DAY  
IN YOUR APARTMENT**  
Large one (1) bedroom on Lakeshore Ave. Dining  
and living room with sunn. AEK, breakfast bar. Gas  
stove. Laundry facilities. Great carport parking  
available. 1 bedroom for \$575 available June 5th.  
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**\$685**  
**1920's CHARM BY LAKE**  
214 Grand Ave. - Spacious 1 bedroom. Fresh car-  
pet and paint. Top floor, good natural light. All new  
appliances. Call 465-3572.

**\$685**  
**VALUE, CONVENIENCE**  
257 Vernon - 1 bedroom with patio. Pool, recre-  
ation room with sauna, AEK, breakfast bar. Inter-  
com entry and elevator. Fresh carpet and paint.  
Parking included! Call 531-6969.

**\$695** 664 VERNON, 1 bedroom near Rose Gar-  
den. Washer/dryer, garage and balcony! Agent  
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**\$700** CONDO Lakeshore area, 1 bedroom. Spaci-  
ous, very clean, new rugs, security building.  
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**\$725**  
**UPPER ROCKRIDGE OASIS**  
Top floor, small 1 bedroom with lots of sunshine  
and wooded view. Includes parking and gas heat.  
No dogs. 654-5935.

**\$725** UPPER GRAND near Piedmont on York St.  
Spacious 1 bedroom apartment in charming  
1920's sixplex security building. Formal dining,  
breakfast room, hardwood floors, parking, cable  
ready, laundry facilities. 415-328-1832.

**\$745** SECURE, Impoising restored Victorian.  
Overlooking Lake Merritt. Convenient shopping  
transportation. Call for appointment. 465-0721.

**\$750**  
**ENORMOUS**  
Huge 1 bedroom, Bay view, separate dining, sepa-  
rate dressing room with closet space of 2 bed-  
room, top floor, quiet corner, includes parking. No  
dogs. 652-1959.

**\$750** GLENVIEW - Mediterranean. Spacious,  
sunny, hardwood floors, walk-in closets, tile  
kitchen/bath, laundry, storage. 482-5790.

**\$750** MEDITERRANEAN Style, 1000 sq. ft. For-  
mal dining, den, hardwoods, new kitchen, closets  
galore. 635-1461.

**\$750** MONTCLAIR in-law, 1 bedroom. Utilities  
paid. Deck, canyon view. Skyline! Carlsberg  
441359-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

**\$750** PIEDMONT 1 bedroom. Hardwoods, 5  
unit building, on Oakland Avenue off Grand Avenue.  
Call Michelle 551-7005.

**\$750** SPACIOUS 1 bedroom, formal dining, living  
room, breakfast room. Like little house. 482-5454/  
893-8361.

**\$785** ONE bedroom, living room, dining room,  
3 walk-in closets, secure building, nice environ-  
ment. 465-5423.

**\$800**  
**LAKE MERRITT**  
Elegant, spacious, 1 bedroom, hardwoods, laun-  
dry, all utilities. 296 Lenox. 841-5979.

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The Name of the Business: Sandeep Publications, 5779 Nottingham Drive, El Sobrante, 94803.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner: Valerie Morris, 5779 Nottingham Drive, El Sobrante, CA 94803.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 1, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 1, 1996.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-2679  
The Name of the Business: J.M.P. Productions, 3263 Belmont Ave., #7, El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner: James M. Prescott, 3263 Belmont Ave., #7, El Cerrito, CA 94530.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-2493  
The Name of the Business: Pinnacle Massage, 2999 Jacinto, Pittsburg, CA 94565.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner: Donald Duane Davis, 2999 Jacinto, Pittsburg, CA 94565.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
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File No. 96-2540  
The Name of the Business: Hartline, 2266 Holbrook Drive, Concord, CA 94519.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner: Scott W. Hartline, 2266 Holbrook Drive, Concord, CA 94519.  
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File No. 96-2604  
The Name of the Business: Word Processing Solutions, 7331 Lemonwood Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner: Patricia A. Wolcott, 7331 Lemonwood Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
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The Name of the Business: McDowell Construction, 493 Powell Dr., Bay Point, CA 94565.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner: Boyd McDowell, 493 Powell Dr., Bay Point, CA 94565.  
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The Name of the Business: Reedy Executives-Top Producers, 4115 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Suite 100, Blackhawk, CA 94506.  
Is hereby registered by the following owner: Bob Miquel, 3668 Silver Oak Place, P.O. Box 3009, Danville, CA 94506.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
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address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 531-17th Street, Richmond, CA 94801. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$66,843.45 in addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and the trustee created by said Deed of Trust. Dated: 05/28/1996 SERRANO RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as said Trustee, 4900 Rivergrade Road, Suite 2870, Irwindale, CA 91706 (618)856-4858 (800)227-1849 (toll-free). Only By: Diana Carrin, Assistant Secretary C244914 6-91320 1996.

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on the Map entitled "HIGHLAND TRACT, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, filed on May 20, 1994, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, in Book E of Maps, at Page 103. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 840 8th Street, Richmond, CA 94801-2225. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trustee created by said Deed of Trust, to wit: \$72,958.83 Estimated Accrued Interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this sum prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 05/28/96 ROBERT E. WEISS INCORPORATED AS TRUSTEE, 920 VILLAGE OAKS DRIVE, P.O. BOX 3289, COVINA, CA 91722 (818)957-4302 BY: CRIS A. KLINGMAN C244889 6-613, 620, 1996

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP Notice is hereby given that section 15035.5 of the corporation code that the partnership composed of Permdinder Singh Pandel and Ravinder Singh Randhawa heretofore doing business under the firm name R & P Auto Service and sometimes called R & P Towing and R & P Trucking at 6700 Fairmont Ave., El Cerrito, California and formerly at 14500 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, California is dissolving June 5, 1996. The parties started the process of dissolution on 24th of January, 1996 at 9 p.m. and shall finally dissolve on 5th of June 1996 at 12 p.m. by mutual consent.

Dated: May 31, 1996  
Signed: Permdinder Singh Pandel  
Dated: May 31, 1996  
Signed: Ravinder Singh Randhawa  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 96-3383  
The Name of the Business:  
Pacific Grocery Shopping Service, 5029 Gately Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804.  
is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Melika White, 5029 Gately Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 24, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 24, 1996.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No. 96-2896  
The Name of the Business:  
Unde Rudy's Snow Shovel & Washers, 7351 E. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, CA 94513.  
is hereby registered by the following owner:  
Gilbert Garcera, 22637 Wildwood St., Hayward, CA 94541.  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 2, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 2, 1996.  
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Budget

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Jellison "deferred" to Ritz's comments, in general agreement.  
Department heads added little to their written budget presentations, except for interim police chief Bruce Nelson, who announced to the council that the department had received a letter that morning approving a COPS MORE grant application. The three-year grant will allow the department to "free up an officer" from office work, since his duties will be transferred to newly-hired civilian help.  
That officer will work on "community policing efforts," Nelson said, adding that "meeting with the fire department" is a first priority goal. He hopes the E.C.F.D.'s disaster preparedness program (N.E.A.T.) and the community policing program can work together.  
A similar grant (COPS FAST) is being used to fund youth services officer Michael Spearman's position. Nelson said Spearman

has been "successful in winning the support" of both school district security officers and students at El Cerrito High School. Spearman has initiated discussions with students on a variety of topics, from gang violence to "how to apply for a job," he said.  
The youth program will expand to Portola Middle School "and the elementary schools to some extent" this fall.  
Both federal grants are three years in duration. To continue the youth services position, the city of El Cerrito will have to take over its funding in about 2-1/2 years.  
Nelson also reported that the police department will soon be undertaking a study to determine the best "patrol work load" to meet the city's needs.  
Two council members spoke strongly in favor of some kind of expansion of police services.  
Mayor Cathie Kosel made only one quick comment on the entire

budget.  
"I'd like to see a bike cop on the BART path," she said, adding that the subject may come up again in the course of budget discussions.  
Council member Norman La Force has made a list of the "vital services" he hears citizens calling for. They include services the "city can run without" but would significantly contribute to the quality of life.  
"I've spent some time thinking about these things," he said.  
La Force's lengthy list includes a bike patrol for the BART path. He would expand Kosel's suggestion to include the blocks east to, and including, San Pablo Avenue; he also questioned whether one extra officer would be enough to accomplish the task.  
He also listed upgrading the library, hiring a staff person for N.E.A.T., doing something about increasing police response times, and working with the school dis-

trict on providing fields for Middle School, among community services.  
He asked that staff list and provide the cost estimates to the council.  
In his own comments, he had also listed some service issues not now in the budget: the loss of paratransit services for when that responsibility over by A.C. Transit and the deteriorating condition of the community pool.  
The proposed operating budget for 1996-97 is \$13.1 million, an increase over last year's proposed budget of \$12.5 million more than what was actually spent this year.  
Pokorny credited the difference to the staff's ongoing efforts; in addition, staff positions have also been added for all or part of the year.

Plans

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schools through reforms and high standards. As a result, Cornell may be eligible to receive funding in future years through the Hewlett-Annenberg grants.  
Finally, Cornell was one of 14 school in the county to win a three-grant to expand its conflict resolution program.  
"Conflict resolution has been successful on the school yard. We really want to make it school wide, so that parents and family get trained to use some of the techniques at home and student get trained to use techniques in the classroom," he said.  
The school will devote two release days for math, one for language arts and two for school community (one for school wide conflict resolution, one for studying and planning school wide activities).

Rothschild said the five days requested are imperative to the plan as designed.  
"We are trying to do something in a similar manner (to other schools), to get in sync with the state and get consistent curriculum for kids at each grade level so it's not different for different kids," she said.  
In the area of technology, Rothschild reported that donations result in of at least one computer in each classroom next year.  
"Our hope is to train the whole staff and make it accessible to all students so it isn't only a matter of whether or not your parents are rich enough to have a computer at home," she said.  
Parent and Site Committee member Toni Constantino added that the additional day of lost instructional time was little to pay for the benefits outlined in the plan.

"There are a lot of teachers who don't feel comfortable with computers, so how are they going to show students. This is a (major part of life) in front of them. More important to us is not the number of days kids are in school but the quality of education they have," she said.  
Release days at Marin will be used for math articulation and technology, life skills training, computer technology and the writing process.  
Vista-MacGregor Primary School  
Vista-MacGregor was the one school site before the board last week which did not receive approval for the five release days requested. With a \$67,943 budget, Principal Sarah Merrill outlined next year's focus on math, technology, language arts and school climate/community. While

program plans are in most areas, the school did a specific plan for a math support the school community proposal.  
With that in mind, Boardmember Peggy recommended plan approved four days.  
"I seriously have about this one. For five days when there is a zational program for kids is problematic. This one have technical expertise point," she said.  
While Merrill at school site representative to make a case for the fifth day, Boardmember Marshall agreed with Thomson gested the school committee an amendment to its when a specific program fifth day can be developed.

**Marin Elementary School**  
With a \$79,155 improvement plan budget, the school will focus on math, learning environment and technology and the writing process in the coming year.  
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